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THE SEIGE OF VICKSBURGH.

Advices from Gen. Grant's Army to Tuesday Last.

Gen. Logan's Siege Guns Within 100 Yards of the Rebel Works.

JOE. JOHNSTON STILL AT JACKSON.

Gen. Blair Gone Up the Yazoo.

Important News Expected from Him.

Pemberton's Dispatches Communicated to Gen. Grant.

Three Hundred Horses Shot by the Rebels.

THE LATEST CINCINNATI DISPATCHES.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 6.

The following is a special to the *Bulletin*:

CINCINNATI, Saturday, June 6.

Advices from Vicksburgh to June 2, contain no particular news. Gen. GRANT is able to press the siege and take care of JOHNSTON, who is posted still at Jackson. His reported march on Memphis is not confirmed. Our siege guns are close up to the enemy's works, and playing vigorously on them and the town. On the 1st inst. the rebels shot 300 horses on the river bank, being unable to feed them.

Gen. BLAIR is up the Yazoo. Important news is expected from him.

THE LATEST CHICAGO DISPATCHES.

CHICAGO, Saturday, June 6.

A special dispatch from Chickasaw Bayou, dated June 1, says:

"There is no important change to report."

Gen. LOGAN has planted heavy siege guns within a hundred yards of the rebel works, and has constructed a covered pathway from behind a high hill, through which his gunners pass to and fro with little danger.

A bearer of dispatches from Gen. PEMBERTON to Gen. JOHNSTON left the rebel lines on Thursday last, and came directly to Gen. GRANT's headquarters, and communicated their contents to Gen. GRANT.

It is reported from Helena, Ark., that Gen. PRICE has removed his entire force from Little Rock to Fort Smith, leaving behind but a single regiment.

Gen. MARMADUKE is at Jacksonport, Ark.

The country between White River and St. Francis is patrolled by guerrilla bands, numbering from 600 to 700 men, under Col. DERRINE.

These guerrilla bands are extremely enterprising, and extend their operations to a point almost within sight of Helena."

INCIDENTS OF THE SEIGE.

A dispatch to the Cincinnati *Commercial*, dated in the rear of Vicksburg, June 30, says:

"Subsistence for the army comes to Lake's Landing, on the Yazoo River, about ten miles from the Mississippi, by transports, and thence by teams to the different army corps.

We can afford to await weeks or months for the bloodless victory certainly within our grasp. Thirty days will probably suffice. However, if Gen. GRANT were to unmount his army to the Yazoo and embark to-morrow, enough has been done within the past four weeks to characterize it as the most brilliant and vital campaign of this war. East or West, its conception was daring and grand, and its execution masterly in every particular.

This morning the heaviest cannonading of the siege was kept up without intermission nearly three hours. New batteries have been lately put in position, and 150 guns were playing on the city at daylight. The firing was rapid beyond belief, and reports along the whole line averaged one per second for minutes together. The roar of heavy siege guns was awful, and the earth was shaken by the concussion. At present, 8 A. M., there is a lull.

Reports have been circulated that members of Gen. GRANT's Staff have resigned, as rats desert a sinking ship. I wish to correct them. In pursuance of a long entertained intention, Col. HILLYER resigned eight weeks ago, to take effect on the 15th of May, supposing that would close the Vicksburgh campaign. He is here yet, and will remain till that city is ours. No other member of the Staff has resigned, or thought of resigning. All have implicit confidence in the Generalship, and personal feeling towards him is akin to adoration. Col. INGE was transferred to Gen. WEST. Col. PAINE was never a Staff officer in a strict sense, and resumed, when there was no further need of his services as Railroad engineer. Only this, and nothing more."

A letter to the same paper says:

"Since leaving Milliken's Bend, GRANT's army has captured a hundred pieces of artillery, not one of which was spiked by the enemy before its abandonment. Among the batteries captured are two from Missouri, one from Jackson, Mississippi, and several from Georgia and Alabama. BOWEN's St. Louis battery was taken at Black River. GRANT's stock of artillery is much the large for present uses.

PRISONERS TAKEN.

Nearly eight thousand prisoners have been taken in the trip through Mississippi. They have all been sent North—a journey which many of them expected themselves gin to take, in view of the deplored state of the rebel commissary department. The prisoners taken by the rebels, during the assault of the 22d, have all been paroled and sent into our lines. They were kept in Vicksburgh just 24 hours. The scarcity of rations in the Southern Gibraltar accounts for this promptitude.

JACKSON, MISS.

A few days after the evacuation of Jackson by our forces, Gen. GRANT SENT TWO WAGON-loads of provisions back from our front under a flag of truce, for the use of our wounded there. The officer in charge was a Major of the Second Illinois Cavalry. When within two miles of the town, our men were met by rebel pickets, who at first would permit them to proceed no further. The Major in command refused to deliver the provisions to any other person than the Federal surgeon in charge of our wounded at Jackson, and was finally allowed to enter the town, blindfolded, while Confederate soldiers drove his teams. He found the citizens of Jackson very much excited, and very indignant about the sacking of the city by our soldiers. They insisted this repeatedly. While there he heard of the advance of Gen. GRIERSON's cavalry. Four thousand Illinois boys, a party of rebel cavalry, Col. CARRSON remained behind our forces after the evacuation of Jackson to urge stragglers forward. He was alone, without any of his command. At the public square a crowd of citizens surrounded him, and commenced heaping violent abuse upon him. He replied to them kindly and pleasantly, that he was very sorry for the existence of the war, and hoped it would soon end, but only in the restoration of the Union. He had a wife and family at home, he said, and he which preferred their society to the army. Finding that he was exciting much sympathy, a rebel fleet worked up and made a breach in the crowd through which he could pass. Col. CARRSON rode off. He had gone but a short distance when a squad of rebel cavalry dashed after him, overtook him, and shot him through the heart. This is the story of an Episcopal Bishop who lives in the city.

It will be remembered that the Confederate troops met with one of Sedgwick's divisions from Jackson, and finally were driven back by Gen. CROCKER's division, of the Seventeenth army corps. The cavalry officer who bore the flag of truce I speak of, was informed that while the soldiers were fighting three miles from the town, the fortifications of Jackson, which are within a mile of the Court-House, were manned by citizens of every age, size and condition, who had turned out in response to a call from His Honor the Mayor, to defend their homes and firesides. Thus to the home-guard instinct, they held out to the last (all an enemy have in sight)—when they retired rather precipitately, without firing a shot.

A dispatch dated Cairo, June 3, says:

"The steamer *Imperial* came in this evening, bringing a number of wounded soldiers.

The news from below is unimportant. There is no perceptible change in affairs at Vicksburgh.

A rebel Major, named HERMANSEY EVANS, came within our lines in a rather strange manner near Vicksburgh last week. He had accompanied a flag of truce sent in by PEMBERTON, and while within our lines he met a Federal Major, with whom he had some conversation. The rebel was informed that encamped near by was his brother-in-law. He asked if he could see him, whereupon the Federal Major offered to show him the place, and did so. The rebel Major left the flag of truce and visited his relative, and did not go back, because he could not. Gen. GRANT, when he heard of the affair, placed the Federal Major under arrest, and sent Major EVANS to Cairo upon parole, not to return to the Confederate service until the fall of Vicksburgh. The Major is now a resident of Cairo. He is a native of Kentucky, and has many friends here as well as in his native State.

Maj. KIRKMAN, of the Sixth Missouri cavalry, passed through here to-day on the steamer *Hope*, en route for home, wounded. His story is rather remarkable. Soon after Gen. GRANT reached the vicinity of Vicksburgh, Maj. KIRKMAN was sent out to reconnoitre an ambulance corps, which the rebels had taken contrary to the rules of war. He succeeded in capturing an hostelrie for safe return of the ambulance corps, near Buck Springs, Dr. BRECKINRIDGE, President of Oakland College, and uncle of Gen. JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE, with his son, lately editor of one of New-Orleans newspapers. On his return Maj. KIRKMAN met about one thousand five hundred rebels and had a very battle, was himself wounded, and his Captain and his men cut their way out with difficulty, taking their prisoners along.

Gen. GRANT sent Dr. BRECKINRIDGE and son to Louisville. Major KIRKMAN finally made his escape and reached Gen. GRANT's lines, having been gone but four days, spending part of the time near Port Gibson.

A letter dated in the rear of Vicksburgh, May 28, says:

"Yesterday afternoon was occupied till 3 P. M. of the evening under a flag of truce, in the burial of the dead and removal of the wounded. Considerable numbers had been left on the field immediately adjacent to the rebel works and in the ditches along their fortifications. They were all interred or removed.

The weather is so hot that the bodies of those who are killed decompose very rapidly, and removal to their homes is impossible.

This morning, at an early hour, hostilities were resumed, and the fire of sharpshooters and artillery is as it was before the flag of truce. The rebels, in some force, perhaps 4,000, are in our rear, on the Haines' Bluff and Bridgeport Ferry road. The force is supposed to be that which escaped from Jackson, and are mostly mounted. They may attack us, but I doubt it.

A LETTER FROM A REBEL OFFICER.

The Mobile *Tribune* publishes the following extract from a private letter from a Colonel engaged in the battle of Baker's Creek:

VICKSBURGH, May 16.

We have met the enemy, and, though I cannot add "we have beaten him," yet I do in humility and gratitude thank our Heavenly Father that He has conducted me safely through the fiery ordeal. I did not receive a scratch or hurt of any kind. The fight occurred on the 16th, about four or five miles from Edwards' Station.

The firing commenced on the left of the brigade. Soon after I led my regiment into the fire. For a while they stood their ground, but a regiment on my left breaking, came rushing through my ranks. In vain I strove to stem the tide—the formation was gone. A moment I stood, and but a moment. The enemy came shouting on. I rallied my men, took the colors out and posted the color bearer, and then called upon all to form upon the colors. Two officers seconded me: none, and in a few moments we had a line reformed. Then I asked if they would follow me. They shouted "yes." I led them again into the battle, and our little regiment fought like veterans. They held their line until almost every cartridge was expended, and then retired the last from the field. We retired not until the Federals had outflanked us on the right and left. Three regimental colors, Stars and Stripes, were visible in front through the timber, and prisoners who were taken say that at the point where we fought, three brigades were held in check for twenty minutes. Had a few regiments come to our support, I believe we would have won a glorious victory; but as it is, we fell back, and are now in our old camp.

Our loss in killed, wounded, and missing is about one hundred and seventy-four, which shows how hot the engagement was. Should the war continue ten years, I never expect to see as fierce an engagement. We are now back in our old lines, and will fight them here with advantage on our side—that is, if they fight. I am inclined to think they will attempt to starve us out; if so, it will take a long time. The enemy have possession of our railroad, and I fear it will be weeks, perhaps months, before mail communication is re-established.

THE LATEST REBEL REPORTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday, June 6.

Mr. L. L. CROUNSE sends to this Bureau the following:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, June 6.

From prisoners taken last evening I have obtained copies of the Richmond *Whig* and *Dispatch* of June 4. I send you the chief items of interest, among which the following is the most important:

"JACKSON, Wednesday, June 3.

The result of the siege of Vicksburgh thus far, is very encouraging to our side. The enemy have been repulsed in every attempt to carry the works. Grant must be compelled to raise the siege in a few days. The storming of the works is looked for in the next forty-eight hours.

The Memphis *Bulletin*, of the 30th, says the news from Vicksburgh is not stimulating; that the slaughter of the Federals was not as large as reported; that the place is closely invested, and no apprehension are felt for the result at Vicksburgh."

REBEL NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS.

Correspondent of the Mobile Register,

JACKSON, Wednesday, May 20.

Leaving Mobile on the 15th inst., I arrived at Meridian "on time," and the next morning obtained passage on a transport train for Forrest, where our troops were being massed under Gen. GIST.

The first evidence we had of the Federals was about eight miles down Jackson, where we found the rails pried up and bent. This was repaired in a minute. We then proceeded to the forty-eight mile post from Vicksburgh, and some two or a half to three miles of Jackson; here the wires were cut in two places, and torn down to the city. Mr. FLANNERY had them up and in working order by signal. The Southern road we found torn up badly. All of the bridges, large and small, were burned. This was done in places amounting to about one mile of track destroyed in all, to the bridge over the Pearl River, which was also burned, but not destroyed. About o'clock I crossed the ferry and arrived at the Dixon House, very much exhausted, black and dirty, not having "slept a wink" since leaving Mobile.

JACKSON.

Upon entering the city I saw, what I pray God I may never see again—a second city and enraged people. A general scene of desolation presented itself. The track of the Southern road, from Pearl River through the city, including all turnouts and switches, platforms and building stock, with cotton, &c., were all destroyed. The same road was destroyed in like manner for two miles west. The New-Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad was likewise thoroughly torn and cut, from two to three miles each way, together with all its buildings, &c. All foundries, machine and work shops were gutted. The Confederate House and all its furniture and stores were burned. I am told that some Federal officers were at the table eating, while another portion were firing the buildings. The excuse given for so doing was that Mr. DIXON, the proprietor, intended to entertain Gen. PEMBERTON and staff there, he being a prisoner from Sulligh. The hat and blanket factory east of the Confederate House, the depot hospital, small-pox hospital, the buildings on the west, north and south were destroyed.

In the course of the grand jubilee of vandalism, the Federals frequently remarked that they would do as much damage here as Van Dorn did them at Holly Springs; and remunerate foot distinct itself, as, that there was no scarcity of provisions or dry goods in the hands of dealers. The immense stock found in the cellars, garrets, bedrooms and other places was surprising. There was plenty for all. Flour was said to be here in the greatest of abundance. All was taken, given away or destroyed.

The Federals had plenty of counterfeit money, and passed it to all who were simple enough to take it.

NEGROES, NEGROES, ETC.

From the best information that I can obtain, the Federals have carried off about 3,000 negroes from our county, together with a large number of horses and mules. Some of the negroes have already left them and come home.

BATTLE OF RAYMOND.

But little is known of this battle or the losses sustained. Gance fought the Federals with less than 4,000 men, and held them back for some time, by forty-six hours, but having no artillery, and the enemy being constantly reinforced, he was compelled to fall back on Jackson for reinforcements, where there was but few to give him. The Federals advanced on the city, and after a short but spirited engagement, continued it. Our loss altogether, in killed, wounded and prisoners, will foot up about 800. Of the Federal loss, we only know of some 300 wounded in the Jackson hospitals, and over 600 in the neighborhood of Raymond.

GEN. JOHNSTON.

Gen. JOHNSTON marched with GANCE's and WALKER's brigades to Calhoun, on the railroad to Canton. He has succeeded in collecting a fine column of 12,000 to 12,000 men, which is this morning forty miles over the Big Black by the Vicksburgh side. This fact has given great satisfaction to all, and a general feeling of relief is experienced, and it has gone far toward restoring public confidence.

THE SIEGE OF PORT HUDSON.

DESPERATE FIGHTING ON MAY 27.

Gen. Weitzel Carries a Battery at the Point of the Bayonet.

A Portion of the Rebel Defenses in our Possession.

The Left of our Line Repulsed.

The Fighting Still in Progress at Last Accounts.

Prominent Officers Killed and Wounded.

Letters received by the *Morning Star*, from New-Orleans, give important particulars of the battle at Port Hudson on May 27, which we briefly announced in our morning edition of yesterday.

Our line of investment was as follows: The extreme right was commanded by Gen. WEITZEL, with his own and the division of Gen. EMORY; the right centre by Gen. GARDER; the left centre by Gen. KOUNS, and the extreme left by Gen. T. W. SHERMAN—the artillery brigade being under command of Gen. ARNOLD.

Apparently Gen. BANKS' plan of operations was to carry the works upon the extreme right and left of the rebel line, and the brunt of the fighting, therefore, fell upon the forces under Gens. SHERMAN and WEITZEL.

The Second Division, Gen. SHERMAN fought with great determination and bravery, and the Sixth Michigan and One Hundred and Twenty-eighth New-York, with the Second Louisiana (colored) regiments, actually carried the rebel works in their front by a brilliant bayonet charge. Their supports, however, failed to come up in time, and they were ultimately forced to fall back before overwhelming numbers. This charge cost us heavily in killed and wounded, for the Sixth Michigan, and One Hundred and Twenty-eighth New-York each lost about half their effective strength; while the negro regiment, which, all accounts agree, fought with wonderful coolness and gallantry, suffered in killed, wounded, and missing, to the number of 600. Gen. SHERMAN led this attack in person, and fell, severely wounded in the leg. Gen. NEAL DOW was also wounded. Col. CLARKE, of the Sixth Michigan, was killed. Col. COWLES, of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth New-York, was also killed by a bayonet thrust; and Lieut. Col. BATES, of the Second, was severely wounded.

In the battle the assault was pushed by Gens. AVERIL and GROVER with the greatest determination. The rebels were slowly but surely forced back from their rifle pits and intrenchments into the main works.

On the right of our line, however, Gen. WEITZEL achieved a decided success. His division by a determined charge carried the famous six-gun battery which sent the sleep-of-war *Mississippi* when Admiral FARRAGUT first ran the gauntlet of the rebel works several weeks since. This important position, which completely commanded the channel way of the river, was held by Gen. WEITZEL, and the heavy pieces mounted there were at once turned upon their former owners.

Our entire loss in the day's engagement was estimated at about 2,000 killed, wounded and missing.

The following imperfect list of casualties among the officers shows how severe the engagement must have been:

KILLED.

Gen. Chapin, (rebel.)
Gen. Dickenson, (rebel.)
Col. Clarke, 6th Michigan.
Col. D. S. Cowles, 128th New-York—bayonet wound.
Col. Paine, 3d Louisiana, white regiment.
Col. ——, 50th Massachusetts.
Capt. Hubbard, on Gen. Weitzel's Staff.
Maj. Hadkin, engineer.
Capt. A. Bennett, 128th New-York.
Lieut. Chas. E. Carville, 165th New-York.
Lieut. J. Armstrong, 128th New-York.
Lieut. F. Wilkeson, 128th New-York.
Serg. C. Van Hyck, 128th New-York.

WOUNDED.

Gen. T. W. Sherman, severely in the leg—amputation probable.
Gen. Neal Dow—slightly, in leg.
Lieut.-Col. Smith, 2d Zouaves—severely, in body.
Col. Kingsley, 29th Connecticut—saw, severely.
Col. Kingman, 15th New-Hampshire—slightly.
Lieut.-Col. Blair, 15th New-Hampshire—seriously.
Major Governor Cass, 22 Massachusetts—badly.
Capt. Gould, 22 Massachusetts—not dangerously.
Capt. Gould H. Thorpe, 165th New-York—shoulder.
Capt. H. C. Inwood, 165th New-York—slightly.
Capt. E. Gifford, 128th New-York—missing.

Reinforcements—among them the Ninetieth regiment New-York Volunteers—were rapidly moving up the river to Gen. EMORY instructions, and it was stated that the assault upon the rebel works was to be renewed the next day, (the 28th,) and that it was to be continued until a decisive result was reached. No later news than the above had been received at New-Orleans on the evening of the 29th.

Our correspondent, writing under date of 8 A. M., May 28, says:

Gen. GARDER, on his arrival, was conveyed to the hospital, (Hotel Dieu, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy.) He is badly wounded in the thigh, and the bones are shattered. Dr. SARUM, his surgeon, says he passes a better night this morning, but amputation may be necessary. Col. COWLES, of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth New-York regiment, (from Hudson, New-York,) died last night. He was shot in the groin. Col. BURGOYNE, of the Thirteenth Massachusetts, was killed; also, Col. PAINE is reported killed. Capt. BENNETT was killed and Lieut. CARVILLE mortally wounded. I presume no news will be allowed to be published until after the departure of the steamer."

COL. COWLES.

Col. DANIEL S. COWLES, reported killed in the assault on the works at Port Hudson, was a native of one of the New-England States, and about forty years of age. He had lately been a resident of the City of Hudson, Columbia County, in this State, where he has held some of the highest positions in the gift of the people, and always performed his duties with the highest degree of honor and success. Col. COWLES raised the regiment which he commanded—the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth—by his own individual exertions. It is composed of the flower of Columbia County. The last words of Col. COWLES were: "Tell my mother I died with my face to the enemy."

LIEUT.-COL. SMITH.

Lieut.-Col. ABEL SMITH, Jr., of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth New-York Volunteers, is reported as dangerously wounded in the engagement at Port Hudson, on the 27th inst. His regiment is known as the Second Harper's Ferrers. Col. SMITH is a native of Brooklyn, and at the commencement of the war was Adjutant of the Thirteenth N. Y. S. M., and was with them during the three months' service prior to Bull Run. He lately was killed by a railroad accident at Mechanicsville, N. Y. Shortly after the return of the regiment Lieut.-Col. SMITH resumed the service, organizing the Second, as which, we believe, his father was, at one time, the Colonel. He is a Young Man of military experience and unquestioned bravery.

PORT HUDSON.

STRENGTH OF THE REBEL POSITION.

From the Baton Rouge Gazette, June 2.

Port Hudson is about twenty-five miles above Baton Rouge, on the east side of the Mississippi. It is at a point where a bend forms almost a right angle, thus completely commanding the river both ways. On the rough, but a distance of eight miles, it is protected by a bayou, which is navigable, and is known as Thompson's Creek, the bluffy bank of which is a prominent blue, crowned by an unbroken chain. This chain extends from the river, eastward, till it joins a series of intrenchments nine or ten miles in extent, sweeping to the south in a semi-circle till they rest upon the river, thus the area of the fort of eight miles. The country in the near is rolling, and presents many natural advantages in favor of the enemy. Between Baton Rouge and Port Hudson is a long stretch of territory difficult to access, still dense, some covered by dense woods and undergrowth, and, alongside, in bayous and marshes. The place, both by nature and art, is unquestionably one of great strength. The Southern people in the vicinity call it their Gibraltar, and seem to believe it to be impregnable.

The water defenses of Port Hudson are said to consist of eighteen batteries, numbering twenty and thirty guns. One of these batteries is stationed on a bluff eighty feet high. Another is placed just below the mouth of Thompson's Creek. The most of the guns are 32s, 24s and 18s, but there are one or two 120-pounders. The land defenses were chiefly built after the advance of the Federal forces to Baton Rouge. They mount in all some thirty or forty guns, some of them of heavy calibre; and in addition to these there are at least four field batteries, which can be readily moved to any part of the works. The position seems to be entirely inclosed by a series of fortifications, of the most elaborate construction, and, apparently, not somewhat more than interior lines remains to be traversed. The probability, however, is that the rebels would scarcely rely on a single line, and that the exterior intrenchments include several others, as was found to be the case at Vicksburgh. Indeed, the general plan of the defences at Port Hudson appears to be the same as at the point just mentioned, the only deviations being such as required by the variations in the surface of the country.

Port Hudson District is commanded by Maj.-Gen. FRANCIS GARDNER, a veteran soldier and an able officer, who was assigned to duty there on the 27th of December last. A portion of his Staff is as follows:

Lieut. Alex Duncan, Aid-de-Camp; Lieut. T. F. Williams, A. A. A.; Capt. J. H. Sparkman, A. Q. M.; Capt. John J. Wheadon, A. C. S., and Lieut. R. M. Rogers, Ordnance-officer.

The troops of the post were until recently, if they are not now, under command of Gen. BELL.

NEWS BY WAY OF VICKSBURGH.

Port Hudson Closely Invested on the 29th of May.

CAIRO, Saturday, June 6.

The following intelligence is contained in a dispatch from Cincinnati, August June 4:

Port Hudson dates are to the 29th of May.

At that time Gen. BANKS had entirely invested the place, resting the two wings of his army on the river.

Our gunboats were bombarding the rebel fortifications from the river, while Gen. BANKS was thundering with his artillery in the rear of the rebels.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, June 6.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS IN THE RICHMOND PAPERS.

Telegrams were received to-night from Richmond papers of to-day. Those who have read them say the rebels are exulting in what they allege to be great losses on the part of GRANT's army. The papers for several days past have been continually increasing the number, evidently depending upon fancy rather than facts.

The Richmond *Enquirer* says, information has been received through a courier, that KIRBY SMITH has crossed the Mississippi, and with reinforcements has joined his friends at Port Hudson, but that, while his forces were passing over, our gunboats sunk one of their steamboats, thus causing a loss to the rebels of several hundred men. But little reliance is placed in the truth of these reports for the reason that it is not believed that the enemy has steamboats on the Mississippi, and if this were so our gun-boats would not have permitted them to land troops.

A CANDIDATE FOR A COLONELCY.

A sample applicant for a Colonelcy of a negro regiment was placed under examination yesterday morning, as to his qualifications for command. "Pray Sir, what has been your business in life?" A professor of mathematics in an Academy." "Ah! Be pleased to tell what is the sixteenth part of thirty-two?" The aspirant moved long over this cabalistic riddle and then called for pencil and paper, and deliberately made tracks, but only deeper and deeper into perplexity. "Professor, what is the eighth part of sixteen?" After a religious parade upon paper, of 8 and 16 in every possible combination, the applicant for the Colonelcy looked up, and with a mild ingenuity, said, "Gentlemen, it was mental arithmetic I professed, not this kind."

SEC. BURNSIDE.

We have reliable information that Gen. BURNSIDE is not to be relieved from the command of the Department of the South, though there are rumors that he may be temporarily ordered on duty elsewhere than at Fort Royal.

THE WAR IN TENNESSEE.

The Cavalry Fight near Franklin—Complete Defeat of the Rebels.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Friday, June 5.

We have had a splendid cavalry fight near Franklin yesterday and to-day, resulting in whipping the enemy severely. We lost two Colonels, badly wounded.

NASHVILLE, Saturday, June 6.

The fight at Franklin, on the 4th inst., was between four brigades of rebels under FORREST, and our forces there, who held the rebels at bay until the removal of the Federal stores, when our reinforcements came up and drove the rebels beyond the town.

On the morning of the 5th instant, the rebels were ascertained to have retakenen the town. After severe fighting in the streets, Col. FAULKNER, of the Seventh Kentucky cavalry, again drove them some miles from the town, taking fifty prisoners. Col. FAULKNER was badly wounded, and arrived here last night. Col. WORTHINGTON GEORGE, of the Fourth Kentucky cavalry, was injured by a horse falling on him.

All is quiet at Franklin to-day.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT.

Our Troops Once More Across the Rappahannock.

A Daring Reconnoissance Made Below Fredericksburgh.

A Crossing Made in the Face of the Rebel Pickets.

The Rifle Pits Stormed and Carried.

ABOUT A HUNDRED REBELS CAPTURED.

The Position and Intentions of Lee Ascertained.

The Rebels Taken Entirely by Surprise.

THE CASUALTIES ON OUR SIDE.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, June 6—12 P. M.

Mr. CROUNSE sends to this Bureau the following:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF POTOMAC, Saturday, June 6.

Yesterday noon, very unexpectedly to everybody the Engineer brigade was ordered to the Rappahannock with pontoon bridges, and orders to proceed with the construction of two bridges across the river at a point known as Franklin's crossing, just below the mouth of Deep Run, and one mile below Fredericksburgh. Batteries from the Sixth corps, under charge of Col. TOWNSEND, were likewise ordered to cover the engineers in their work, and HOWE's division of infantry was ordered to the spot to support the Engineers and push across as soon as the bridges were laid.

The only rebel force visible upon the opposite side was their double line of pickets, who lounged about very "discoverably," watching our operations closely, but seeming to have no idea whatever that we would make an attempt to cross in open daylight. But, about five o'clock the engineers commenced unloading the pontoons, whereupon the rebels flopped into their rifle-pits, and began picking off our men. Our artillery, twenty guns or more, immediately opened with shell, and for two hours kept up a vigorous cannonade, with little effect, upon the sharpshooters, however. These kept in the ditches closely, and picked off our men at every chance.

It became necessary to storm the rifle pits, and at half past six the Twenty Sixth New Jersey, Col. MOSMAN, of Col. GRAY's Vermont Brigade, was ordered into the boats. They at once pushed across under a severe fire, and landing on the opposite side, rushed upon the pits with cheers. The Rebels rapidly did not wait judgment. Our men instantly deployed as skirmishers, and in a short time some sixty of the Second Florida were brought in prisoners. Other regiments of the Vermont Brigades soon followed in boats, until nearly two-thirds of two brigades were over.

As soon as the firing ceased, the engineers began work on the bridges, and at 8 P. M. had one of them completed, and the remainder of HOWE's division passed over.

Our casualties were five killed, and about twenty-five wounded. I regret to name among the killed Capt. Chas. E. Cross, an able and accomplished officer, belonging to the Regular Engineer Battalion. The enemy's loss could not have been large, as they were protected by their earthworks. The captain commanding their picket was killed, and several men were found dead in the ditches—the effect of our shells.

Our forces advanced cautiously across the plain, deploying skirmishers very handsomely, the right resting on Deep Run, and the left in the vicinity of the Bernard House. By dark they had reached the Bowling Green road, and posted their pickets for the night well out toward the foot of the timbered crests on which the enemy have their strong earthworks.

The rebels were not discovered in force last night, though prisoners stated that we should soon meet them if we kept on advancing.

The truly audacious movement surprised many of our own officers, not less than the enemy. It is properly a reconnoissance, by which the Commanding General hopes to obtain some positive information regarding the enemy's intentions. This morning enough was ascertained to locate the greater portion of the enemy's forces.

We took nearly one hundred prisoners, including one Major.

Our crossing took the enemy greatly by surprise. During the night Ana matched two corps back from the vicinity of Salem Church, to a position in front of our line. Longstreet's corps reinforced the troops in Fredericksburgh, and slept there last night. This morning they moved in a southerly direction.

By the bold movement we have demonstrated to a certainty that the bulk of the enemy, besides divining his purposes.

The men behaved in the most gallant manner, and cheered as they crossed, for the third time, this historic stream. The movement has thrilled the army with excitement and with impatience.

THE LIST OF CASUALTIES.

KILLED.

Capt. Chas. E. Cross, Engineer Battalion, Regulars.
Jos. Ainsworth, Co. I, 26th New-Jersey.
Corp'l John Tramor, Co. C, 18th New-York.
Private Burgess, Teamster, Co. F, 50th New-York.
Private C. C. Keogh, Co. A, Regular Engineers.

WOUNDED.

Lieut. Newcomb, 50th New-York—not seriously.
Jas. Armstrong, Co. I, 50th New-York—foot.
Wallace Fuller, Co. C, 50th New-York—arm.
Geo. L. Henry, Co. C, 50th New-York—chest.
Jas. Boyce, Co. C, 50th New-York—leg.
A. B. Hyde, Co. C, 50th New-York—both legs.
Sergt. Wakeman, Co. F, 50th New-York—neck.
Thos. Walker, Co. F, 50th New-York—thigh.
Oliver Osborn, Co. F, 50th New-York.
M. Conlry, Co. F, 50th New-York.
Joseph Bearens, Co. F, 50th New-York—thigh.
H. S. Riley, Co. D, 13th New-York—abdomen.
Patrick Hennery, Co. G, 13th New-York—thigh.
—— Harness, Co. G, 13th New-York—thigh.
Corp. Samuel Chance, Co. K, 13th New-York—shoulder.
Philip Brady, Co. H—head.
Henry Sitler, Co. A—badly.
Sergt. Lovejoy, Co. C, Regular Engineers—slightly.
John Carr, Co. B, Regular Engineers—slightly.
F. D. Lark, Co. A, Regular Engineers—leg, slightly.
C. L. Hardy—severely, hip.

THE RECONNOITERING FORCE WITHDRAWN.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, June 6.

Whatever may have been the condition of affairs on either side of the Rappahannock for the last two days, it is known that our army is right in on this side of the river.

FREDERICKSBURGH NOT EVACUATED.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, June 6.

There is no truth in the statement of the evacuation of Fredericksburgh by Gen. LEE, and the occupation of the place by our forces.

VERY LATE REBEL NEWS.

Reports from Vicksburgh and Port Hudson.

Heavy Firing Heard at Vicksburgh on the 4th.

Kirby Smith Said to Have Reinforced the Port Hudson Garrison.

The Town of Bluffton, S. C., Burnt by Our Forces.

RICHMOND MORNING, Saturday, June 6.

The following are extracts from the Richmond Dispatch, of this morning:

FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

JACKSON, Miss., Wednesday, June 3.

All is quiet at Vicksburgh.

Yesterday no firing was heard.

Gen. GRANT is evidently making preparations for a movement in some direction.

JACKSON, Miss., Thursday, June 4.

A courier reports that Gen. KIRBY SMITH crossed to Port Hudson on Sunday.

The gun-boats made a furious assault, sinking one steamer and drowning several hundred men.

No doubts are felt in regard to the result.

Interesting details of the fight at Vicksburgh on Thursday, are in.

Gen. GRANT used cotton bales for movable breastwork in the attack.

Gen. PEMBERTON mounted his 200-pounders and directed his fire at the cotton bales, mowing down whole platoons of the enemy.

Our entire loss, including the action of Baker's Creek, does not exceed five thousand.

Confidence in Gen. PEMBERTON, since his answer to Gen. GRANT's demand for a surrender has been fully restored.

No fears are felt regarding the result either at Vicksburgh or Port Hudson.

JACKSON, Miss., Thursday, June 4—P. M.

Heavy firing in the direction of Vicksburgh has been heard all day.

Nothing reliable has been received from there since Sunday.

The weather is cloudy, and it is raining slightly.

IMPORTANT FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON, Thursday, June 4.

An official dispatch from Gen. W. S. WALKER, a Pocotaligo, reports that the enemy fired the town of Bluffton to-day. Our forces engaged them, and prevented a further advance.

A later dispatch from Lieut.-Col. JOHNSON to Gen. WALKER, says: "We are now in Bluffton, which place is in flames. The enemy have retired.

No one on our side is hurt. In the raid on the Combahee the enemy carried away about 1,000 negroes and destroyed nearly a million dollars worth of property.

REPORTS FROM MOBILE.

MOBILE, Thursday, June 4.

The corn crop in Alabama and Western Georgia is in a flourishing condition, and promises an abundant yield. The late rains were very beneficial.

MOBILE, Thursday, June 4.

Refugees at Buccaqoula report another brilliant victory over the Yankees at Port Hudson.

REBEL VIEWS OF THE SITUATION.

An editorial in the Richmond *Whig* says:

"The news from the Southwest continues to be of the most cheering character. Nobly has Gen. PEMBERTON vindicated the confidence placed in him by President DAVIS. From all accounts, the defence of Vicksburgh is the most glorious episode in the already crowded annals of our military history. Repulses of Yankees attest the valor of our troops, and the skill and success with which they have been handled. In every attack the heroic garrison has inconvertibled itself. The Yankees have given up the attempt to take the city by storm, and now talk of a regular siege—a plan which Gen. JOHNSTON may possibly interfere with.

The telegraph also brings the report of a brilliant victory gained by Gen. KIRBY SMITH over Gen. BANKS at Port Hudson. We have every reason to believe that this news will all be confirmed. With Gen. GRANT's army all but annihilated by the terrific execution of our artillery and musketry at Vicksburgh and the strategetic movements of Gen. BANKS suddenly cut short at Port Hudson, the great stronghold of the West, from which so much was expected by the enemy, bids fair to prove by far the most disastrous and gigantic of all their failures in this war."

Fernando Wood on His Return from Washington.

A GUARD OF NEW-YORK SOLDIERS AT CAMDEN CALL HIM A "TRAITOR" AND "COPPERHEAD."

BALTIMORE, Saturday, June 6.

FERNANDO WOOD passed through this city this morning on his return from his visit to Washington. He received a not very flattering reception from some New-York soldiers, who were on guard at the Camden-street Depot, who loudly denounced him, using such epithets as "Copperhead" and "Traitor," and taking particular pains to inform him they were from New-York.

Sailing of the Great Eastern.

HARLEM, N. Y., Saturday, June 6.

The *Great Eastern* sailed at 3 P. M.

OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHWEST.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF.

Arrival in Alexandria—The Atchafalaya—Entymological Visitation—A Rescue—Interesting Glimpses at Secession—The Red River, its Scenery and Incidents—How the Natives Feel—State of Things in Alexandria—Gen. Banks and his Career—Effect on Foreign Governments—More Work Ahead.

From Our Special Correspondent.

ALEXANDRIA, RED RIVER, Thursday, May 14, 1863.

I have just arrived at this inland city, located far up the Red River—the seat of Mr. Brown's romance—and found, as I hoped I would in my last from New-Orleans, the flag of the Union proudly floating over it. Had anyone promised me as much but a few weeks ago—when I left New-York, laboring under the oppressing influence of the long stagnation of our arms, and the recent affair at Charleston—I certainly could not have believed it. Such is the fact, however, and so great and rapid have been our successes in this region, that you will not wonder at my having found Major-Gen. BANKS and his whole army in the highest health and spirits.

Our trip to this place from Brashear City was both exhilarating and delightful. We came in the transport *Empire Parish*, Capt. F. H. BRINKWIRE, and as this was—with the exception of the little *Union*—the first transport that had ventured to thread its way up the Red River through this newly conquered region, there was just enough of adventure and doubt about the matter to make things lively.

I left New-Orleans on the morning of May 9 for Brashear City, where I arrived the same afternoon—no other of our vessels having transpired, except that on the road we met Admiral FARRAGUT on his way from Alexandria to New-Orleans. The gallant Admiral's movements, of course, gave rise to all sorts of ingenious conjectures. We heard, through him, the joyful tidings that Alexandria was ours; and also felt convinced that by his sudden appearance there was something up. People down here have so long looked upon him as a regular storm petrel; for wherever you find him, be sure there is a storm brewing.

THE ATCHAFALAYA RIVER.

We left Brashear City at noon, and, striking up the Atchafalaya River, passing through Grand Lake, anchored the same night, at 10 o'clock, at Bute la Rose. The scenery of Grand Lake was to us most novel and interesting, presenting an expanse of water that went far beyond the expectations of all, and, with the numerous small islands dotting its surface, affording a picture of unusual beauty. We passed by the wreck of the *Hero*—a shapeless mass of charred and shapeless material, which, without a foreknowledge of its history, would have baffled the ingenuity of any one to guess what the object ever was. Thinking of what a commotion those few blackened planks made when she first came up, in the shape of "the *Hero*," the rebels surprised and took them from us—it was with no little glee that we ran by the derelict and impotent wreck.

The whole passage through the Atchafalaya was among plantations and houses completely inundated by water. The people, with the intention of drowning our troops out, had benevolently cut the levee above; but the waters—like curses—came home to roost, and instead of drowning out our men, only flooded the bayous about here with impassable swamps on each side, thus enabling our gunboats and transports to pass up and down them with perfect immunity from attack.

ENTYMOLOGICAL VISITATION.

At night, while sitting on the deck at Bute la Rose, we saw in the air near us myriads of insects of about the size of diminutive wasps, with long tails, which some declared were the mosquitoes of the place. Making a speedy calculation as to the comparative amount of poison each of these creatures could carry, supposing they were mosquitoes, the night before us already appeared a formidable one to encounter. These pests, however, turned out to be what are called "willow flies"—and though perfectly harmless, came in such myriads when the lamps were lit, that, at one table alone, where a gentleman was writing by the light of a candle, they could have been taken up by the shovel full, as they fell and piled themselves up, after scorching their wings in the flame. I have seen insect life in the tropics, but never witnessed anything at all approaching what we found in every part of the vessel that evening.

A RESCUE.

About 1 o'clock, on the 18th, when nearly abreast of Port Hudson, at a place called Cypress Point, we saw three men (two black and one white) and one black woman close to the shore, and hailing us frantically. As they were on a bit of island, and with no apparent means of getting away, and evidently in distress, the *Empire Parish* stopped and picked them up. It was lucky we did so, for they were all on the point of starvation.

The history of these persons' adventures is so interesting and significant as to be worth recalling. The white man, PHILIP HEDWIG, is a native of Hesse Darmstadt, but now a citizen of the United States—his vouchers for which he had in his pocket. He was a resident of Fulton County, Ohio, but having come to Natchez, engaged himself as a house-painter, was conscripted and placed as guard on the estate of ALEXIER & SARRE, about ten miles from that place. The female, ELIZA—an intelligent black girl of about 19 years of age—was the slave of Sheriff MASCARE, of Natchez, but hired as a house girl on the plantation of the aforesaid ALEXIER & SARRE, while the two black men—SAM. COLEMAN and CHARLEY GILMORE—belonged to them.

It appears that PHILIP HEDWIG was conscripted very much against his will, as far back as July 29, 1862, but detailed for service on the plantation of ALEXIER & SARRE, in an order from the Provost-Marshal, which read as follows:

PROVOST-MARSHAL'S OFFICE, NATCHEZ, July 29, 1862.

Conscript PHILIP HEDWIG is hereby detailed as guard on the plantation of ALEXIER & SARRE, called the Magnolia Plantation. He is to understand that he is, by the Conscript law, a Confederate soldier, that he is on this special duty as guard, and can, at any time, be called into active service.

A. K. FARRAR, Provost-Marshal.

In November of 1862, HEDWIG received orders to go to camp. Being a citizen of the United States, and resolved—as he said—to die rather than fight against it, he fled to the woods the very day after he received the order; six negroes, in all, upon the plantation—four men and two women, and among them the three we rescued—being aware of his secret.

The spot he selected as a hiding-place was in a deep wood, not more than a mile from the plantation. There he scooped himself a hole in the earth, and ever since November, until now, has lived the life of a hermit, equaling anything Defoe ever told us of Robinson Crusoe. For food and aid of every kind he had to depend entirely upon the five tender-hearted and faithful negroes who knew of his whereabouts. They daily brought him eggs, coffee, poultry, and other necessaries the house girl, ELIZA, ingeniously secreting them somewhere in the cot-yard, while the two men, alternately at night, stole off with them to their young prodigy, at the risk of their own lives.

Matters remained in this condition until the 6th of May, when—having managed to buy a small old skiff for fifty dollars, from a neighboring plantation—they all determined on making their escape down the river. Heavy rewards—reaching at last as high as five hundred dollars—had been offered for the arrest of HEDWIG, and fifty dollars to any slave who would find his whereabouts. Imagine the steadfastness of these poor, uneducated creatures who, for six months, had the life of that white man in their hands, and not only spurned all bribes for his detection, but actually risked their own lives in his preservation. When questioned as to their feelings in the matter, it was really affecting to hear the noble sentiments that came from these poor outcasts. "No, Sir; he was always too good to us poor niggers; he never got us into any trouble, but kept us out of it often, and we was bound to help him when he was in trouble."

Could every *white* man have come as well through that test of gratitude and mercy?

The four fugitives set out on their perilous journey on Monday—the 4th of May, with what little clothing they possessed, and food sufficient for the purpose. By ingenious traveling only at night, and hiding themselves in the day time, they managed to pursue their way undisturbed. On the Saturday following, about 10 A. M., five miles above the mouth of the Red River, they fell in with the *Hero* and other craft. Mr. HEDWIG went on board of both of them, related his story, and was well treated. They would have taken him along, but had no accommodation for the negroes, and as he would not desert his friends, (although informed that plenty of United States boats were coming down and would take them up,) he rejoined them, and they continued their voyage together.

On Sunday morning, at 7 A. M., when near the junction of the Atchafalaya and Red River, they saw a gunboat going up the river, but did not get near enough to speak. About noon of the same day they saw a transport going up the river. It was the *Union*. They hailed her and she stopped. Mr. HEDWIG went on board, told the whole of his story, and, after being asked a number of questions, was informed that he and his companions had better remain where they were for the present, and that she (the *Union*) would take them up on her return.

It did not prove better to remain where they were, for, twenty minutes after they were left by the *Union*, they were hailed by a party of two white men and two women, who ordered them to come ashore. They refused to do so, and hurried down the stream as fast as they could. The pursuers then hailed a skiff some distance below the fugitives, and cried out to catch them; but the party addressed seemed either afraid or unwilling, although the skiff was taken up to the pursuers, and the two men jumped in.

They all then gave chase to the four fugitives, who managed to keep ahead until at a point two or three miles above where we found them, when—finding the chase gaining on them—they ran their skiff ashore, left all they had in it, sprung to land, and made for the woods on the left bank of the river.

The men in pursuit hurried to all adjoining plantations, where they obtained the use of four bloodhounds (we saw the identical hounds in a boat rowed by a negro, after we had rescued these people), and pressed onward. HEDWIG and his friends kept on through the woods, skirting the river; they heard the hounds gaining on them, and at last only escaped by wading to their necks through a narrow creek, which baffled the scent of the ferocious brutes. They thus managed to get at last to the river side, at a place called Cypress Point, where we found them, and where they had been from Sunday noon to Tuesday noon, without tasting a morsel of food.

INTERESTING GLIMPSES AT SECESSIA.

Apart from the interest excited merely by the sufferings and adventures of these people, they brought us intelligence of the inner working of things in the rebel States which is not without value. For instance, they told us that most of the wealthy rebels in Natchez had sent all their valuables to Brookhaven, on the New-Orleans and Jackson Railroad, for safety. As we had just heard of how Col. GRIERSON had made havoc among rebel property in this same Brookhaven, we thus learnt, for the first time, how deeply Natchez has suffered by that great movement. They told us, moreover, that there are no soldiers scarcely at Natchez, nor fortifications, and that there is a most serious division between the people of that town and the country folks; the latter refusing to sell any goods to the former, because they so ingloriously surrendered the city to the "Yankees" on a former occasion.

They say that our successes down here were perfectly well known among all the negroes on the plantations, who looked upon their day of redemption as at hand; that the "*old folks talked careful* about such things among niggers," but the children "let it out"—that so far from destroying all their cotton, they were hiding it everywhere, 9,000 bales being concealed in one place alone that they knew of,—and that the people are so sick of the war and afraid of conscription, that masters have actually been known to get themselves put up in hogsheads and carted away as sugar to some hiding-place by their own negroes.

SCENERY AND INCIDENTS UP THE RED RIVER.

To the stranger, passing for the first time up the Red River, the scenery is, in places, so wild and primitive as to convey the idea that one is threading his way among its countless sharp bends and sinuosities upon some exploring expedition, and if some Attackapas Indian were suddenly to make his appearance on the bank, fully equipped with bow and arrow, he would only be a fit subject for the foreground of such a picture. Blue and white herons were constantly flitting by us, and numberless alligators were basking on the muddy banks, or lazily swimming. They afforded much sport for our soldiers, who, for once, were permitted a little holiday in trying their skill in an unaccustomed manner. One splendid marksman, Corporal GEORGE DOUGLAS, of Company E, Thirteenth Connecticut, sent a ball from a Sharpe's rifle clean into the head of a monster measuring nine or ten feet, and turned him belly upward, leaving the water furiously with his tail. Many wanted to bring him on board, as a trophy, but it was thought we were not at war with alligators, whatever feeling we may entertain toward Copperheads.

But wild as the scenery is in certain places, in others it presents a picture of cultivated beauty that we had not seen equaled in the richest parts of Southern Louisiana. We passed by many splendid estates, where the emerald green cornfields stretched their unbroken surfaces far away to the brows in the blue horizon, and the negro quarters were built with solid brick chimneys, and other evidences of care and progress, which we had not seen elsewhere.

The Red River is extremely tortuous, and of so red a color, from the red clay banks which inclose it, as to make its name a very appropriate one. At its junction with the Atchafalaya, at little neck of the old Mississippi River, its shores are flat and somewhat monotonous, the willow predominating among its vegetation; but, as we ascend the river towards Alexandria, the banks become higher and broken, the vegetation more varied, and the whole character of the landscape extremely picturesque. As a matter of course, every evidence of commerce was absent that could have given animation to the scene, as we met nothing during the whole transit but one of our gunboats occasionally, and also the *Union* going down to Brashear City, laden with precious cotton.

One point of interest was Gordon's Landing, which we passed at 7 A. M. of Wednesday. This is where the *Queen of the West* was taken from us, to lead so short and ignoble a remnant of life in the hands of the rebels. We found three water batteries there, and a very formidable fortification in the background, all of which the enemy, no doubt, thought impregnable, but which Admiral FARRAGUT's fleet has, what is vulgarly termed—"knocked into a cocked hat."

HOW THE NATIVES FEEL ABOUT US.

At a landing called Cassandra we stopped on Wednesday morning, to take in fuel. Having a half hour to spare, I went ashore to converse with the tenants of a dilapidated little house building at the river side. The inmates consisted of a white man and woman and two little children, all looking extremely pale, sickly and emaciated. On sounding them as to their sentiments, I wish you could have heard that man speak of the blows in which the rebel conscription was held in his part of the country; of the means taken to evade it; and of the anxious wish of the inhabitants to find themselves once more under the protecting folds of the old flag. He told me of a certain place where at least three hundred loyal men are concealed in the woods, giving me the name and locality—and have been for twelve months past, living upon wild hogs and whatever else they can find. When the man mentioned their numbers, "Aye, Sir," interrupted his feeble wife, "I reckon nearer five hundred."

A sharpshooter, of the Fifty-third Massachusetts, who was on board with us, and who is an escaped loyal citizen from this same district, corroborated this statement afterward by his own knowledge. His own father was here murdered for his loyalty, and a brother of his forced into the rebel army. He says that if these men can only be got at and arms put into their hands, they would do their own fighting against the authors of their misery. The whole State of Louisiana swarms with men of the same stamp; men who have the picture of murdered fathers, brothers and friends before them, and who would be nerved against the traitors with an amount of earnestness and determination that cannot be expected of the Northern soldier, who comes here to fight upon the cold principle of duty only. Gen. BANKS knows full well this tremendous element of power within his grasp, and—mark my words—he will surprise you with the manner in which he will use it.

STATE OF THINGS IN ALEXANDRIA.

My stay in Alexandria is so limited—having arrived only yesterday afternoon, and compelled to move on again this morning—that I have little to tell you about its individual characteristics. Indeed, except being so as a strategic point of great value for opening up the hitherto hidden wealth of this great region and dispersing the rebel armies, there is comparatively little worth mentioning. As a town, it never was one of the size or consequence even of Baton Rouge, and now that it is a mere garrison for our soldiers, and every store cleaned up or empty, of course it is only a ghost of its former self.

GEN. BANKS AND HIS CAREER.

I had to come here really to be able to take a broad and comprehensive view of the magnificent successes which have attended the army and navy of this Department during the last two months. I really do not believe that the generality of people in the North can yet realize the fullness of these successes in every bearing, present and future. Considering the petty means he had at his disposal, the wonderful rapidity of his movements, the way his victories must inevitably affect the enemy, and the great moral power they are going to have upon the Governments of Europe; there has been no such a sweeping and unquestionably successful military career as that of Maj.-Gen. BANKS in this Department, since the war began.

While other Generals, with the most magnificent armies at their command, have been, after boundless slaughter, unable to effect any sensible reduction of the rebellion, Gen. BANKS has—with means ridiculously inadequate—not only overrun nearly the whole State of Louisiana in two months—broken up and demoralized the whole rebel army—poured into the Treasury of the United States, already, over five millions of dollars, not one cent of which goes to speculators—developed, by his personal prestige, the latent loyalty of a whole State, and made the fall of Vicksburgh and Port Hudson, and the opening of the whole Mississippi River a foregone conclusion; but he has done all this in spite of difficulties that other leading commanders, with large armies, never had to encounter.

With him there is no such thing as sitting still and "waiting for reinforcements;" but having waited just long enough to get his green troops into good military condition, he has pushed on, like NAPOLEON, following blow by blow, without giving the enemy one moment's breathing-time; and, like NAPOLEON, *making strike as he moved along*. If no unforeseen mishap occurs, through undue interference with his plans from headquarters, or through the rash and untimely proceedings of any separate but coöperating command—(and we have no reason to fear this from so great a General as GRANT)—Gen. BANKS will, within three months—(let the reader mark the date of this letter)—put you in unchallenged and peaceful possession of the entire Mississippi River, and the loyal State of Louisiana.

EFFECT ON FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

I spoke of the effect which Gen. BANKS' recent successes will have on foreign Governments. Perhaps all your readers are not fully aware of the direct and important bearing which these very successes have had—in future—upon diplomatic arrangements between this country and England.

As far back as December of last year, Lord LYONS *sent the following important letter to Earl RUSSELL, of which I quote an extract:*

"WASHINGTON, Dec. 22, 1862.

MY LORD: With my dispatch of the 19th inst., I had the honor to transmit to your Lordship a copy of a letter which I had written to Mr. SEWARD, with a view to ascertain whether the Government of the United States was willing to give definite assurances calculated to give confidence to Confederate sellers and neutral purchasers of cotton. I spoke to Mr. SEWARD about this letter yesterday, and endeavored to obtain from him some definite answer to the questions put in it. Such an answer, however, he was evidently unprepared to give. I then inquired whether he would furnish me with any information respecting the intentions of the Government which would be calculated to allay disquiet in Europe, and to give a form to public sentiment favorable to the United States.

Mr. SEWARD said that one of the impediments to the restoration of the cotton trade had been *an impression that the possession of New-Orleans by the Federal Government would be only temporary*, but that there was proof that this impression was fast fading away from the Southern mind. I might, indeed, Mr. SEWARD added, *confidently assure people in Europe that, in a very short time, Gen. BANKS would have established such a commercial intercourse* as would restore loyalty to the whole State of Louisiana; that, by a vote of the loyal inhabitants, that State would resume its normal position, and that this would not fail to revive the cotton trade.

I observed to Mr. SEWARD that this prospect was distant and vague, and that my purpose would be much better answered by some *distinct assurances as to matters of the present moment under the control of the Federal Government*."

In speaking of what Mr. SEWARD said relative to the regulations which the United States proposed to establish, and in virtue of which cotton is to be taken possession of by the National officers, and sent by them to the Northern markets, so that more of our patriotic people may obtain the benefit of our protection, Lord LYONS, after expressing his belief that "these regulations would cause alarm rather than satisfaction in Europe"—nevertheless significantly adds: "If neutrals were sure of retaining control of their purchases, they might be willing to buy, with a view to holding the cotton, in the hope that some contingency (such as that which he [Mr. SEWARD] had mentioned of the restoration of loyalty in Louisiana) would enable the Government to remove all the restrictions on its exportation."

Throughout these extracts—indeed, through the whole letter, which you will find in your files—Lord LYONS allows us to see very distinctly that England would be perfectly satisfied of the hopelessness of the rebellion if certain contingencies arose. But those contingencies have arisen. By Gen. BANKS' military talents and administrative ability, not only is Mr. SEWARD's prophecy in the course of literal fulfillment, but with a rapidity which must be as startling to him and Lord LYONS as it doubtless is to Gen. BANKS himself. Indeed, I have heard from one who knows, that this remarkable letter only came to the General's notice since his success; that, with the true modesty which belongs to all great men, he said, when he read it: "Had I known beforehand how much was expected of me, and the means at my disposal, it might have almost paralyzed my efforts."

If the opening up of the Mississippi, and restoration of Louisiana, be really the cornerstone of success by which England is determining on which side to allow the weight of her influence, we may consider that she needs no longer hesitate as to which side that influence must lean. Having decided on the matter, there is but one course left her, if she values the prosperity of her people, viz: to immediately inform JEFF DAVIS & Co., that any further persistence in their futile attempt to overthrow this Government, so far from meeting any countenance from her, will have her open opposition, as a needless cause of the effusion of human blood, and the source of fearful and unnecessary suffering among her own people. To "intervention" of this character, the whole civilized world will say AMEN!

MORE WORK AHEAD.

The *Empire Parish* took on board, this morning, Gen. BANKS, his staff, and a number of troops, and at 11 A. M. we were off. Whither I am accompanying them, and where my next letter is to be dated from, I know not and could not tell if I did. Of one thing, however, I am quite certain, and that is that there is more work ahead. I am further convinced that, whatever that work may be, it must—under such headquarters—redound to the credit of the army and navy of the Gulf Department, and confer fresh benefits upon the country. MEMO.

THE AMITE VALLEY EXPEDITION.

Cleaning Out Guerrillas—Cutting Off Supplies for Port Hudson—Seizure of Rebel Stores—Interesting Details of a Week's Operations in Secessia.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

BATON ROUGE, Thursday, May 21, 1863.

I have just returned from the valley of the Amite, and as I leave on the morrow to witness the attack of our forces upon Port Hudson, I must take time from sleep to give your readers an account of what I have witnessed during the past two weeks.

On the evening of Thursday, May 7, I left Baton Rouge with my friend Capt. STEGERS, Company K, Fourteenth Maine Regiment, in a wagon—upon what it is to be the Mississippian plantation, Pointe Coupee, Capt. BROWNE has for some months been in command, an orderly rode up with a dispatch ordering him to leave his command in charge of sergeants on a scouting party, which would call for them about 11 o'clock that evening. Accordingly we embarked, finding upon the steamer the remainder of the Fourteenth Maine, the One Hundred and Seventy-seventh New-York, and a detachment of the Twenty-fourth Maine, and steamed up the river about 25 miles to Bayles's Plantation, when we debarked and marched through the forest and swamp 20 miles to the Amite River, the point selected as the base of operations for clearing out the guerrillas and destroying the supplies of the Port Hudson garrison in this fertile valley.

A float had been constructed across the River at a point called Scotrique's Ferry, where was a large quantity of cypress lumber, sized and sawed in New-Orleans, of which the Fourteenth and Twenty-fourth Maine made themselves shelters. The One Hundred and Seventy-seventh New-York encamped at another crossing, which it was deemed necessary to hold, three miles above. The next day we were joined by the Twenty-first New-York battery, under Capt. BARRAS, an able and efficient officer. Sunday a party of guerrillas, led probably by GERRARD, a man of some notoriety in these parts, came down to the opposite bank and fired into the Maine infantry. They replied briskly with the Austrian rifle, and Capt. BARRAS opened upon them a few shell and canister, killing, as they afterwards admitted, three and wounding several. None were injured on our side, notwithstanding the attack was afterwards repeated by the enemy. Three men in the New-York regiment were slightly wounded in a subsequent attack made upon them. One man was washing his handkerchief in the river when a ball passed through it, leaving him unharmed.

From this point as a base, scouting parties were sent out nearly every day, sometimes three at a time, into the country across the river, who returned at night with rebel wagons laden with rebel cotton, sugar or corn, drawn by rebel mules, horses or oxen, and driven by rebel negroes.

Your correspondent went out with every expedition, except when more than one went out at a time, starting sometimes on foot, but always returning mounted, and in this way he himself captured and turned over to the Government six horses. All the valuable horses, however, had been run off by the rebels at our approach, and most of those captured by us were found in the woods, at considerable distance from the houses, where also we found carriages and other property which the proprietors had endeavored to conceal from us. The most prominent feature in this section is the entire lack of men. With the exception of a one-eyed octoroon, a decrepid doctor and a man who had been discharged from rebel service, I saw not a single male between the ages of 16 and 65 at any plantation which we visited. Would my time allow, I could fill one issue of your sheet with highly diverting incidents connected with the seizure of this rebel property. A single one will illustrate. At one plantation a detachment of the Fourteenth Maine, under Col. POMEROY, had loaded up seven great wagons with cotton and sugar, when a few who had been detailed to search the premises, brought out a quantity of lard in jars, the women following after, and clamoring loudly for them to leave it behind. Col. POMEROY, taking pity upon their evident distress, ordered one jar, enough to supply any Northern family for an entire year, to be left. But this was not enough, and they at first begged, and then demanded that another jar should be given them, and upon the Colonel's ordering his men to put it on the cart, they seated themselves upon it and said they should not have it. Here was a trying circumstance indeed—two women against a half regiment of men. The result was already doubtful, when the Colonel, with his usual sagacity, called out: "Turn women and all." No sooner said than done, the men raised the Southern beauties on their larder in their arms, when one of them jumped down, and seizing a bullet of wood, struck one of the bearers such a whack on the head that I feared she had accomplished what, at the same time she threatened to do, and broken his skull. But I must omit further account of the doings of the infantry, to give a more detailed account of the more important work of the cavalry under Col. DAVIS, who joined us the morning of the 12th.

A complete cutting off the supply of beef and corn to the garrison at Port Hudson was the object accomplished by the expedition. The cavalry, consisting of the Texas Rangers, under a most gallant officer, Col. DAVIS, all refugees from Texas, and a company of the Mounted Rifle Rangers, under Capt. REAR, whom the New-York Press have not yet forgotten, left Scotrique's Ferry Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Capt. REAR's company being advance guard, and continuing so throughout the expedition.

In about two hours they observed the tracks of Capt. GERRARD's guerrillas, who preceded them for thirty miles to Springfield, on the Natalbany River, tearing up the bridges on the Tickfaw and other streams, which our men repaired as they advanced. Across the Natalbany River was a bridge shaped like a turtle's back, on the further declivity of which the enemy had torn up about eight feet. Our men not observing it, charged to cross, but were suddenly checked, and at the same time were attacked by the enemy. The men were quickly dismounted and sent across on the steamer, Capt. BARRAS shouting, "Bring one of those pieces of artillery and plant it here." There was no artillery within thirty miles, but the rebels did not know it and skedaddled in fine style. They then went on foot, leading their horses and following the trail with a candle for seven miles to Hammond Station, on the Jackson Railroad, where they expected to encounter the companies of Mississippi cavalry on their retreat from Pontchatoula, from which place they had fled at the approach of the Sixth Michigan, under Col. CLARK. But not finding them, they led their horses, burned the railroad bridge, and started for Pontchatoula, capturing on the way a Lieutenant, with about twenty Choctaw Indians, whom they sent to New Orleans. They bivouacked a few miles from the town about two hours before day, and as soon as it was light, having thrown out skirmishers on a two mile range to capture prisoners, they entered the town and passed through it, capturing about forty prisoners and the rebel camp. This they burned, consisting of about fifty framed buildings and cabins. The sight was very imposing, dark cabin sending up its column of flame and smoke—occasionally interspersed with fragments, as the flames exploded cartridges which the rebs had left in their flighty retreat.

On their return from camp to P. Village they were fired into by the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth New-York, who mistook them for rebels. Col. DAVIS coolly ordered the bugle to sound the signal to cease firing, and order was soon restored. Having returned to Hammond Station, they burned a large saw and grist mill, which contained a fire engine, and removed the shoes from a rebel Government shoe factory, sending them to New-Orleans. This was one of the largest factories in the Confederacy, the operatives in which were exempt from conscription.

The next P. M. they started for Camp Moore, following up the retreated from Tickfaw toward Independent Station, the flag-station of the Jackson Railroad. They were obliged to march on a narrow neck between the track and a cleat, in a very exposed position. Lieut. TAYLOR, Company A, Texas cavalry, had been sent ahead with a detachment to cut off a rebel picket supposed to be somewhere between Tickfaw and Independent Station. He not having returned, the night being very dark and their position very much exposed, Col. DAVIS thought it prudent to return to Tickfaw and take the main road, and sent ahead Corp. FERDINAND SEGAR, of the Mounted Rifles, with one private, to inform Lieut. TAYLOR of their return. But the guide of Lieut. T. lost his way and brought him in below where the main body were bivouacking, with horses' lines in hand. Therefore, Corp. SEGAR went on till he encountered the rebel picket. Being challenged, he gave the countersign, "Bunker Hill." The picket replied, "That's right, come ahead." But he seeing the mistake, said, "I'll go back and bring up the rest," and turning to go back, they fired upon him, wounding him slightly and taking his prisoner. He said, "I'm your prisoner." But one of them exclaiming, "Don't shoot the —— —— Yankee out of a ——," pulled a shot-gun at his head but blew out his brains. The private escaped with both horses, and reported the same to the Colonel. A little after dawn they drove in the rebel picket, and engaged their entire force, consisting of five companies of cavalry. Our men charged upon them with an unearthly yell that threw the enemy into the greatest confusion. They fled in a complete panic, leaving their dead and wounded, their arms and dismounted horses scattered in every direction upon the field. One rebel, in his haste to escape, ran against a tree; the Abatoirs of child, and met about as bad luck, for he broke his neck.

One beautiful smooth-faced boy, evidently not more than 15 years of age, lay upon the ground, shot through the neck.

From this point they kept up a constant skirmishing to Tangipaho, the village near which Camp Moore is, or rather was, located. Having forded the river, they dashed through the town, breaking the telegraph wire.

They found the camp evacuated, with dinner cooked in the officer's tents, and a large building, probably containing commissary stores, which had been fired by the Confederates, still in flames. Near by stood a caisson and artillery forge, which they ran upon the fire, and consumed. They fired the bridge across the Tangipaho River, about 200 feet in width, together with officers' and all other buildings. Having posted pickets, they went back to the railroad station, in which was a large quantity of tar. This they lighted, and soon the whole building was in flames. The enemy had cut open hogsheads of sugar, and scattered it in the street. These not destroyed our forces gave to the poor.

They returned to Scotrique's, and Pontchatoula, having been absent just a week. The only casualties were: Capt. NOYES, Co. A, Texas—slight in shoulder, rifle ball; Corp. FERD. SEGAR, Mounted Rifles—killed; private JAS. CROW, Mounted Rifles—lost right leg; one private, name unknown, Texas—severely wounded in shoulder; several slight wounds. The forces have already left the Amite for an attack upon Port Hudson, to which point I must hasten. XX.

OPERATIONS ON THE RED RIVER.

Before Grand Gulf—Sharing the Honors—The Trip Down the Mississippi—Incidents of the Voyage—Up the Red River—The Fight at Gordon's Landing—Occupation of Fort De Russy and Alexandria.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MISSISSIPPI SQUADRON, NEAR GRAND GULF, Sunday, May 3, 1863.

Events follow each other in such rapid succession, they leave but little time to chronicle them. To-day has been one of the most exciting which the fleet has experienced since its passage of the Vicksburgh batteries, and a great deal more satisfactory.

After a continuous five hours' hammering, and being hammered before the batteries of Grand Gulf, and a second two hours' engagement and final running past their guns, (which we had considered silenced—almost,) we this morning had the satisfaction of seeing their works blown up and abandoned. The gunboats at this time lay at DRISCOLL's plantation, four miles below Grand Gulf, (Point of Rocks,) but within distinguishing distance by a glass. Having, for two days, been employed in ferrying the troops across the river below; having heard of the repulse of the rebel forces by Gen. GRANT, at Port Gibson, and the probable retirement of the rebel army up the Big Black, we were prepared to see this stronghold abandoned and its works destroyed. The explosions this morning, before daylight, which shook the surrounding country at Grand Gulf, and announced the fall of that place, therefore created no surprise. The gunboats, led by the *Lafayette*, immediately got underway, and made all speed to reach and occupy the place. In strict justice to every branch of the service, when Acting Ensign SMITH, of the *Lafayette*, unfurled the American flag over the ruined and abandoned works, Gen. GRANT's Ensign should have thrown to the breeze the victorious banner of the army upon the same ramparts. This would, at least, have been poetical justice. The gunboats were *nearest the spot*, and had the start in the race, taking possession before it was possible for the land forces to arrive.

FIAT JUSTICIA, ETC.

Not one among the officers or men whom I have seen on the gunboats are inclined to appropriate, exclusively, the honor of capturing the place. It was one of those happy occurrences going to show the wisdom of combining the two arms of the service, and illustrate the folly of attempting to achieve anything here without such concert of action.

The public may judge how we felt last evening, when, after the arrival of Lieut.-Col. ELLET, with dispatches from Admiral FARRAGUT, we heard the order to coal ship and go to Red River. To have left the rebels in quiet possession of their intrenchments seemed like abandoning a job half—less than half—finished, and which must needs have been consummated by some one else. Now that we have seen the Stars and Stripes waving over the place, and our naval forces in actual possession, we are glad to be sent to other and more useful fields.

The gunboats *Cincinnati* and *Mound City* were left to hold the place, the *Tuscumbia* lying near by, and getting ready for service, while the *Lafayette*, *Benton*, *Pittsburgh*, *General Price* and a small tug were ordered below. The *Switzerland*, in command of Lieut.-Col. ELLET, is also to return below. The business of completing the coaling of the ships was hurried forward; a brief hour was spent in religious services on board some of the vessels of the fleet, and then, at nearly 11 o'clock, A. M., the Admiral signaled, "Get underweigh," and in less than fifteen minutes the fleet was

OFF FOR RED RIVER.

The *Benton* led the way, followed by the *Switzerland*, *Pittsburgh*, *Gen. Price*, *Lafayette* and little tug *Ivy*—the latter, though last, and least in size, by no means least in importance or usefulness. This little steam tug—when impartial history shall have summed up the achievements of the big gunboats—will be assigned a place of the first importance, for the ever active and ever hearty part she has acted. The same may truthfully be stated of the Dahlia, *Fancy* and other tugs which have accompanied the gunboats on their most perilous expeditions, and have gallantly shared more than their proportion of danger and honors. In parceling out the honors—when there are any to divide—let not the little industrious boys of the fleet, the messenger-boy-tugs, be forgotten; without them we should be like a General Assembly without pages or postmasters.

At noon the fleet passed Bruinsburgh, where the army had been landing during the previous two days and nights. Most of the troops had already left, on their way to join the advance across Bayou Pierre, at Port Gibson. On the opposite side of the river, where there is a fine sugar plantation, the cavalry were arriving, preparatory to being crossed over.

The day was very fine, all the officers and men were in the best of humor, and the vessels were swept along upon the quiet bosom of the Mississippi as if upon a holiday excursion.

At Rodney, ten miles below, a fine little village lying at the foot of a ridge of high land coming in north of Bayou Pierre, a few white people, but a good many black, came out to see us pass. No one, however, waved us a welcome. Even the blacks, fearful of the consequences, prudently refrained from manifesting their feelings by any sign from the shore. We were told that the village had a large number of wounded in it, brought down from the battle-field of Port Gibson on the previous day.

A few miles further down we came to a long bend in the river, (Island No. 202,) with Waterproof on the right hand, and Gen. TAYLOR's old place on the opposite side of the river. A number of slaves came out from Waterproof, and saluted us most cordially as we passed. Among the group was an old woman, bent with age, who threw up her hands, flourished her old tattered bonnet, and cried out: "God bless you; I is glad to see you." She would straighten herself up, then bow herself again almost to the earth, throwing her arms about in the wildest delight. The enthusiasm of this poor old slave created much amusement on board the gunboats.

The plantation of "Old Zack," of blessed memory, sent out no deputation, white or black, to greet us. As it was Sunday, the people were all in their houses or away from home, and the place seemed almost as if deserted. The colored people peered at us from their doorways or out of windows, but manifested no particular feeling at our advent. This place, I believe, is now the property of Gen. TAYLOR, son of the old General, who was captured by Gen. BANKS, on the 13th of April, at or near Berwick Bay, La.

So far as I can judge from appearances along this part of the river, the planters have not been interrupted much in their planting business. Everything seemed to be going on as usual. There were cultivated fields everywhere to be seen; abundance of cattle and other farm stock roaming about; the slaves were still busy or sauntering around, and nothing indicated that they expected the appearance of an enemy or were anticipating sudden or violent changes.

The planters, if at home, kept out of sight, but the slaves everywhere congregated in groups and eyed us with eager curiosity. Wherever there was no white person in sight they swung their hats, waved hands, and made other signs of their gratification at our appearance. When any white person was present they prudently restrained their enthusiasm, but when alone and unobserved their delight knew no bounds. The young people would skip, dance, roll on the ground and laugh immoderately, while the old and thoughtful negroes would uncover their gray heads and bow most reverentially, with outstretched hands, as if in benediction upon "Massa LINCOLN's gunboats." The honest enthusiasm of these people could not be mistaken. They seemed, also, to know who we were as well as their masters.

NATCHEZ.

It was near sundown when we turned the long reach above Natchez, and the town, beautiful for situation, appeared in sight. The large Female Seminary west of the town is the first object which attracts attention. Next to this, in size and pretension, is the Marine Hospital, built by the Government at the same time that a similar institution was erected at Memphis and at Napoleon, Ark. Residences of the most princely description, half concealed by the foliage in which the town is embowered, with fine walks and lawns and costly terraces, marked the place at once the abode of wealth and refinement. The hands upon the city clock indicated 4½ o'clock. Thousands of people were observed congregated along the brow of the high hill on which the city stands, watching with earnest but mute and stolid expression the progress of Uncle Sam's gunboats, as one after the other they swept past. Upon close inspection a large number of white citizens, male and female—many of the latter fashionably, or at least handsomely dressed—were observed in separate groups, standing apart from the blacks, the latter making up the large majority of spectators. The town under the hill, where nearly all the river trade has been transacted, seemed deserted, and the buildings and wharves decaying and out of use. The houses were occupied by families of laborers and blacks, who paid little attention to us. Several attempts were made to draw out some expression of feeling from the crowd, but from beginning to end not more than half a dozen persons were noticed to wave, and this was done in a furtive manner, as if *fearful of being noticed by others. On board the gunboats* there was abundant manifestation of good feeling, which must have been apparent to every one of the thousands who saw us pass.

No attempt has been made to fortify this place, although it unquestionably affords one of the strongest positions on the river. The overshadowing force of the wealth of the city, and the value of the public and private buildings and residences, which would be exposed to destruction, no doubt furnishes an explanation of the cause. A year ago Capt. WM. D. POSTER, then commanding the *Essex*, landed at the town for the purpose of procuring ice. They obtained no ice, but were given a warm reception instead, the boat's crew being fired upon. Capt. POSTER immediately began to shell the city, when a deputation of prominent citizens came down and apologized for the outrage, disavowing it, and charging the offence upon irresponsible marauders. The shelling was stopped, and since that time there has been no communication, friendly or otherwise, with the place.

From this place down we now began to see, on both sides of the river, rich and cultivated plantations with large and handsome residences and convenient outbuildings, mills, &c., all well inclosed. It soon became too dark to distinguish objects nicely, but we could see, by a tolerably bright moonlight, that we were beginning to pass through the most flourishing planting region on the Mississippi. Two hours after passing Natchez we came to another long turn in the river, corresponding almost exactly to that at Vicksburgh. This is the location of Ellis' Cliffs, a place which it is said the rebels have long had it in contemplation to fortify. The situation is certainly formidable, and might be made as strong as either Vicksburgh or Grand Gulf. The lack of means and appliances is probably the reason that this and some other places have not before this bristled with hostile cannon. It

er, early on Monday morning, say 8 o'clock. She was dispatched thither by Admiral Farragut, in order to verify the reports touching the evacuation of the place, and also to ascertain what force, if any, in the shape of gunboats, remained there to dispute our passage.

Capt. JOHN E. HARR, of the *Albatross*, led the way, and was the first to reach the vicinity of the landing.

The *Estrella* mounts five guns, viz.: two short 32s, two 24-pound howitzers, and a 30-pound Parrott. She is an iron hull, but relies chiefly upon cotton bales for protection from sharpshooters and as partial protection for her machinery. She prudently kept a little astern of the *Albatross*. The latter carries four long 32s and a 30-pound Parrott on her forecastle, and is an efficient vessel, though not sufficiently protected against heavy shot.

By reference to the diagram which I have drawn, and send you herewith, it will be seen that it is necessary to pass a short turn in the river before coming in view of the rebel gunboats, which lay in the next turn above, near the casemated forts.

ORDER OF ATTACK.

The *Albatross* leading, first discovered the rebel boats—the *Grand Duke* and *Mary T.*—lying in waiting above. They had seen the smoke of the approaching steamers, and immediately began to make steam themselves. Half way between the position of the two fleets a *strong raft spanned the river, barring all nearer approach to each other.* They were now only 400 yards apart. The *Albatross* ran into the left-hand bend of the river, firing her bow Parrott and two starboard broadside guns at the rebel vessels as she passed. They immediately replied with five guns, two 32s on the *Mary T.*, and two 24-pound howitzers, and a 30-pound Parrott from the *Grand Duke*. The firing continued very brisk from both sides, the *Albatross* leading and firing very rapidly. Meantime she backed out of the bend, presenting first her bow and then her port broadside to the enemy. The *Estrella* and *Arizona*, which *had no orders to advance*, laid partially under cover of the point, and fired their starboard Parrott whenever they could get a view of the enemy through the clearing or thin growth across the point.

EFFECTS OF THE REBEL SHOT.

Almost the first shots from the rebel steamers demolished the pilot-house of the *Albatross*, killing one of her pilots and carrying away the hand of the other. They rigged relieving tackles aft, and thus steered the steamer during the remainder of the action. Her mainmast was also cut nearly in two; a ball passed through her hull, near the water line, injuring her machinery, but not so seriously as to prevent its use.

The first broadside of the *Albatross* carried away the steam connection-pipe of the *Mary T.*, killing and wounding thirty persons. The *Grand Duke* was also struck several times, her cotton flying at every shot, or our well-aimed broadsides taking effect in different parts of her works. The action continued about forty minutes, without interruption of firing on either side. The *Grand Duke* then finding it too hot for them, backed up stream, under cover of the woods, leaving the *Mary T.* disabled. The *Albatross* then dropped down and communicated with Capt. COOK, of the *Estrella*, as to the practicability of capturing the disabled steamer. The raft across the river, however, was still intact, and interposed an impassable barrier between our own and the rebel steamers. Meantime, the *Grand Duke* hitched on to her crippled companion and towed her out of range. The fight—one of the fiercest and most desperately-contested naval engagements yet witnessed on the Western waters—was over.

Throughout the action the *Albatross* fought with most unflinching gallantry, and her officers and crew deserve well of their country. She had seven men killed and wounded at her guns. Three killed and four wounded, as near as I can ascertain. The *Grand Duke* and *Mary T.*, according to the statement of two deserters, had sixty persons killed and wounded on the two boats.

Capt. HARR then signaled the *Estrella* and *Arizona* to get under weigh and follow him down the river. He had been sent to reconnoiter, but he had found and fought a very respectable fight.

Twelve miles below Gordon's Landing the returning steamers met the little *Sachem* coming up to their relief. She returned with the rest. The ascending fleet of Acting Rear-Admiral FORTER met the *Albatross* and her companions in the old river. The *Arizona* and *Estrella* turned about and joined our fortunes in the up-river expedition, while the *Albatross* continued on to report to Rear-Admiral FARRAGUT, at the mouth of the Red.

THE FLOODED AND DESOLATE CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY.

The whole lower portion of the Red River is at present overflowed, nothing but the half-submerged willows, cottonwood and other trees which fringe its banks indicating the real boundaries of the stream. For the first forty miles, or up to the mouth of the Black River, it is the broad lake. Here and there were the remnants of dilapidated shanties set upon stilts along the banks, which were shelters used by woodchoppers. Not one in twenty of the houses passed contained a human inhabitant, since it must have been next to impossible to subsist where there is no communication with the outside world except by the uncertain use of canoes among almost impenetrable swamps and forests. Neither the width of the stream nor the character of the scenery along its course realized the idea of the great Red River of the North which we read of in the geography. The river is not over two hundred and fifty yards in its average width; its waters are turbid, and the scenery monotonous and uninviting. The depth of water, however, is a redeeming feature at this season, ranging from four to six fathoms in the middle, which is generally its deepest part. The steamers experienced little difficulty for the first day and a half. After getting some thirty miles up, the downward current was stopped, and from the character of a still lake, the waters seemed to set in our favor, or up stream. The level character of the vast region surrounding or lying along the river, with its almost illimitable system of bayous requiring large bodies of water to supply their drain—it was difficult to realize that the dismal and deserted river we were passing almost for days together, was one of the great arteries of trade running through one of the richest parts of the Western Continent.

About noon on Tuesday we passed the mouth of Black River, making in its unique sight from the river, [illegible] and escaping from the flood, like the earth from the apparent deluge. The numerous family of white, black and others of every shade which occupied the solitary house and outbuildings, gathered at windows and doors and stared as one from clouds from the time we came in sight, until the last vessel disappeared around the next turn. Neither man, woman or child, black or white, made any sign by which to judge of their feelings toward us.

The river now became more winding, obliging the long steamers to observe much circumspection in making the short turns, so as to avoid getting aground. The country also grew higher, farms multiplied, and cattle and cleared places began to mark the boundary between the water and the dry land. The people appeared along this region to be mostly Germans and French, who were striving on an uncertain contest with the deluge, the forests, and the climate, for the purpose of securing a habitation and a living along the banks. All these people appeared glad to see us, and waved their hands or removed hats and bowed most respectfully as we passed.

Comfortable and thrifty places now began to multiply, and a few miles below Gordon's Landing the farmers assembled with their whole families or little children, and manifested unalloyed pleasure at our appearance. In every case where the master waved, the blacks would join most heartily in the ovation.

The *Arizona* still kept the lead, or exchanged it with the *Switzerland* or *Price*, while the *Sachem*, *Pittsburgh* and *Lafayette* kept each other company at a more respectful distance. At nearly every place there were evidences that a few bales of cotton had been burned. At the larger and wealthier plantations there were well-stored sheds of cotton, while the poor and humble had resigned their small stock to the flames, at the behest of some agent or officer of the Confederates.

As night approached we now found the river becoming more tortuous and our progress slower. Just before dark the advance steamers came to at GORDON'S Landing. The immense raft which had been stretched across the river here was now swung along side the right bank. The steamers all came in. The crews, however, under the Admiral's order, lay at quarters ready for action during the night. Some of the vessels made fast to the bank or raft, while others anchored in mid stream.

A CONFEDERATE STEAMER MAKES ONE APPROACH AND ESCAPES UP THE RIVER.

One of the enemy's steamers, the *Fair City*, was observed lingering above the landing, but as the *Arizona* and *Sachem* came in sight she made all convenient haste up stream. The night passed without molestation, and in the morning we had a good opportunity to inspect the celebrated Fort De Russy and its collateral defences, which had but recently been dismantled at this place. No one, upon an inspection of this place, could doubt that a most effectual resistance could have been made to our advance had the enemy possessed the means and men to make the stand. It was, perhaps, a little too far below Alexandria to afford protection to that place. The victorious progress of Gen. BANKS' army after the battle at Berwick's Bay, created so great a panic, together with the successful passage of the Vicksburgh batteries by the gunboat fleet, that orders were issued to abandon the place. The General in charge of the forts, mistaking the order, or misinterpreting it, had the fortifications partially destroyed, and *three heavy guns thrown into the river.* The ammunition was also destroyed, and the garrison retreated up the river. This act has created much dissatisfaction, and poor MOURES is said to be under arrest in consequence. This, next to the occupation of Alexandria and the surrounding country by our army, is one of the heaviest blows the war has inflicted upon the rebels in this region. Judging from the comments of their newspapers, they never dreamed of successful invasion by "Yankee hordes" of this rural country.

By 6 o'clock the gunboats were all once more under way for Alexandria, leaving the deserted village of Gordon's Landing none the worse for our visit, except from the appropriation of a yearling heifer, and a few—very few—chickens, to replenish the wasted larder of the privileged ones of the fleet.

Between Gordon's Landing and Alexandria, the country rises to the character of a high, dry and apparently healthy region. The estates now begin to be monopolized by the wealthy class of planters, whose broad and flourishing acres, and hundreds of "hands," with elegant residences, and ample cotton and sugar mills, show that this is no place for poor folks. The white trash must be contented with the poorer and swampy lands further down. The negroes and their wives and daughters now look superciliously upon us from their embowered windows, and spurn with contempt our winsome ways, as we loitingly essay to draw from them some condescending smile or approving wave of their perfumed fans. The cordial, yet grotesque enthusiasm of the poor, *loyal* negro goes for nothing. "We have not come here on behalf of the negro, but for our countrymen, the white folks; besides, it only excites their masters and mistresses to see us waving to their negroes, and they will say we have come here to interfere with them." Let us therefore eat a little more dirt, be circumspect, and "speak *but as our masters please.*" Meantime, look out for the sharpshooters—some of our deer, misguided brethren, who may be hovering in yonder thicket, ready to pick off some unsuspecting officer as he paces the deck.

The howitzer crews were now kept ready at their guns on the spar deck, and our marines were constantly at their post, with fingers upon the triggers of their Spencer repeating rifles, ready and expecting to hear the crack of rebel guns from every ambush. But a Power greater than our own spread its protection over our heads. The news of Gen. BANKS' advance, the certainty that he would occupy the country, the fear that the land, with its houses and mills, would all be laid in ruins if we were molested, probably restrained them.

On Wednesday evening the flotilla came to anchor about ten or fifteen miles below Alexandria, where we spent the night. The crew spent the night at quarters, ready for immediate action. Thursday morning by quarters we were under way, more than ever anxious to know our fate. In a very short time we expected to hear the greeting of rebel shot and shell. All hands were called to quarters, and everything prepared for action. Shortly groups of blacks began to gather along the bank, and called out as if they wished to give us some information. Swinging their hands toward the town which was now almost in sight, one of these blacks was heard to say, "Nobody up out. Dey is all done gone; guess long 'go." Then white men came riding down, waving a white handkerchief, as much as to say, "Go along, Mr. ——, and don't shoot this way. We succumb, and, like CROCKETT's cook, come down, so you needn't waste your fire. *We are with the Union.*"

The Admiral ordered everybody to dress 32, and be ready to come to anchor in the following order, abreast of the town: *Lafayette*, *Estrella*, *Switzerland*, *Sachem*, *Pittsburgh*, *Gen. Price* and *Arizona*. As we came in sight of the town the American flag greeted our eyes, flying from the top of a tall flag-staff in the centre of the place. The *Arizona* had meanwhile outsailed the rest of the fleet, and had anchored abreast of the town the night before, her crew landing and hoisting the Stars and Stripes where it now so proudly waved.

Citizens congregated upon the levee by hundreds to witness our arrival, but made no demonstrations. One after the other the gunboats let go their anchors, as ordered by the Admiral, and

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From Our Own Correspondent.

ALEXANDRIA, RAPIDES PARISH, LA., Thursday, May 7, 1863.

The advent of six of UNCLE ABE's gunboats at this inland town, will mark an era in its history for all time to come. The letter in the calendar will, however, not be red, on account of the bloodshed attending the event. *Black* will be a more appropriate shade, as that will typify the color of the monsters which have captured the town, and also the complexion, physical if not moral, of the majority of people who were found here, not having previously absconded, and for other reasons.

About 9 o'clock a party of marines was landed from the Brigade, and shortly afterward the Admiral went ashore. He was met by the Mayor and other citizens, who subsequently paid a visit to the *Hartford*. An order was prepared by Admiral PORTER, which was put in type at the abandoned office of the *Louisianian*, bearing the caption, "Liberal Highness to the People of Louisiana." The editor ran away, it was printed on fine *wall* paper, and posted around town. It directs the Mayor to continue in the exercise of his official functions, enjoins respect for private rights and property, and forbids negroes to leave their plantations and come into town. The Mayor's entry to the mark effect is appended to the Admiral's proclamation.

Heedless of the order, or possibly ignorant of its existence, the "free colored people of African descent" soon congregated in large numbers to look at the strangers. They were followed "into our lines" by their masters, and, in many cases, were delivered up to be returned.

The Admiral's order gave eminent satisfaction to the citizens, it is said, and had a quieting effect upon those who had been unnecessarily and unduly anxious as to what we were "going to do with the negro."

A considerable quantity of heavy iron plating, 2½ inches thick, was found at one of the machine-shops or foundries, intended, as is supposed, for the *Webb*. At the foundry was also discovered molds for shot, shell, conical shot and other missiles, large and small; machinery for the manufacture or finishing cannon and other warlike material, with evidences that the rebels had recently driven a thriving business in preparations for defence, by land and water. There were, also, several heavy pieces of finished oak timber found at another place, which had apparently been got out for a heavy gun carriage. It is said one of the 11-inch guns from the *Indianola* has been removed to Shreveport.

All these materials were seized, and such parts as were useful were put on board of our vessels. The rest were destroyed.

A large quantity of sugar and molasses, some of it private property, but more belonging to the "C. S. A.," was found, and appropriated to the use of the Union army. Sweetening is plenty.

This town is pleasantly situated, and is the second in importance among the interior towns of Southern Louisiana. It contained previous to the war about one thousand inhabitants. Its front street, or levee, occupies over a mile along the river, with many handsome stores, both of wood and brick, and several large storehouses for sugar. The streets run at right angles, and are wide and partially shaded by trees. There are many handsome, even aristocratic residences in the fashionable quarter of the town, with beautiful gardens of native and exotic flowers. Each house has, generally, an ample vegetable garden. There are the various churches, including one Catholic and an Israelitish synagogue. The new Court-house, in the centre of the town, is a new brick building, of two stories and very large. A railroad runs out twelve miles through a rich planting region, of which the place is the centre and shipping point. There is much wealth in the place.

During the last two weeks, or since the dismantling and abandonment of Fort De Russy, the inhabitants have been packing up and leaving for Shreveport and other places up the river. For days together the levee was one vast pile of household goods and merchandise, which were being hustled on board of steamers, to be sent away. Probably more than half the people have deserted the place, their houses being closed and empty. This is the best of navigation for vessels drawing more than five to six feet of water. The Red, which are only four or five miles above and from which the parish takes its name, will not admit of the passage of heavy vessels, and, at a low stage of the water, all traffic, except for light-draught steamers, is impossible. The river at present is falling very rapidly, and unless it rains so as to be getting into danger water before it is too late.

ARRIVAL OF THE ADVANCE GUARD OF GEN. BANKS' ARMY.

At 5 o'clock P. M., a small squad of cavalry, composing part of Brig.-Gen. WEITZEL's division, dashed into the town at great speed, and, reining their horses upon the full run, few through the front street with the rapidity of lightning. They were noticed by the marines and sailors on board the *Switzerland*, who "hi, hi'ed" them from their decks. This party, about twenty strong, passed to the upper end of the place and wheeled, fronting the river, when they presented and flourished swords to their old acquaintances on the gunboats. In a few minutes, a whole company came rapidly down the Bayou Robert road, and, wheeling to the left, swept up the front street, holding near their advance. One company after another continued thus to arrive, until the whole space fronting the town was crowded with troops. Each officer and mounted man was upon a good swift horse, evidently none the worse for wear or ailing journey. Just as dark a considerable party of horsemen were observed coming up the street. They halted opposite the Ice-House Hotel, and dismounted. It was Major-Gen. N. P. BANKS and Staff. A blue flag with a white star in the centre, and the number "19" in the middle of the star, was placed in front of the main entrance as the headquarters signal.

Thus, in eight hours from the time Admiral PORTER's fleet anchored opposite the town, Gen. BANKS' forces arrived and occupied it, making a double capture of the place. The soldiers, recognizing the *Estrella* and *Switzerland*, assembled upon the levee, and made the welkin ring with their cheers. They also cheered all the gunboats in turn. The crews of the *Switzerland* and *Estrella* returned their cheers with a heartiness which showed how sincere was the gratification at meeting once more the soldiers of the Union with whom they had shared the perils and glories of the campaign below. Night now closed the gratifying incidents of the day. The troops slept just outside the town, and Alexandria rested, hence, more securely, in the mutual embrace of the land and naval forces of the Union. Upon the register of the hotel I noticed, among others, the following names: Maj.-Gen. N. P. BANKS, U. S. A.; Brig.-Gen. Richard Arnold, U. S. A.; Brig.-Gen. G. L. Andrews, U. S. A.; Lieut.-Col. Richard B. Irwin, A. A. G.; Lieut.-Col. W. S. Abert, A. A. G.; Maj. D. C. Houston, Engineers; Maj. G. Norman Lieber, Judge-Advocate; Maj. E. Robinson, First Louisiana Cavalry; Col. Charles C. D. Wright, One Hundred and Sixteenth N. Y. V.; First Lieut. J. S. Crosby, First Artillery; First Lieut. Franklin Howard, Engineers; Second Lieut. C. Emerson, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth New-York; First Lieut. Charles S. Sargeant, A. D. C.; First Lieut. E. H. Lansill, One Hundred and Seventy-sixth New-York, (the regiment of Irvine's, going daily between Berwick Bay and New-Orleans;) Assistant Surgeon D. C. Rogers; First Lieut. Perry, Twenty-Fifth Artillery; A. A. Archer, New-Orleans; Dr. H. Kennedy, New-Orleans.

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All the officers, from the Maj.-Gen. down, appeared in excellent health. Their march, however, has been a very fatiguing and protracted one, calculated to try the endurance of the best constitution.

A portion of Gen. WEITZEL's Division and Gen. DWIGHT's Brigade, were the first to arrive on Thursday evening. The army left Opelousas on Tuesday morning, making the march of ninety-six miles in four days.

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The saddest event of the march was the loss of Capt. HOWARD DWIGHT, A. A. G., upon Gen. ANDREWS' Staff. He was traveling a short distance in the rear, when within about six miles of Washington he was stopped by a party of guerrillas who suddenly appeared from an ambush and commanded him and his servant to halt. Resistance or escape was out of the question, and as the party drew up to fire at him Capt. DWIGHT calmly said to them, "You need not fire. I am unarmed, and will surrender." "Kill the d—d Yankee," was the cry of the leader, and in an instant the gallant officer lay stretched upon the ground beside his horse, his head and breast pierced by rebel bullets.

A murder more foul and inexcusable was never committed by savages, to say nothing of a people claiming to be engaged in civilized warfare.

I learn that several citizens of the country were subsequently arrested, and held as hostages until the murderer should be delivered up, and—I know not upon how good authority—that a person recognized as the man who committed the deed, was afterward found and summarily shot for the outrage.

The death of this officer is lamented by the whole regiment.

Since the arrival of the land forces the Sixth New-York, Wilson Zouaves, have been doing guard duty in the town. Col. DWIGHT is Provost-Marshal-General, assisted by Capt. ——.

Very few irregularities have occurred, and all complaints on the part of the citizens have been promptly attended to. In cases where private property of poor or friendless persons has been taken by irresponsible parties, Gen. BANKS has had it promptly restored. "We come not here to war upon the poor, or to the free women and children," says the General. Thus far the citizens have expressed great satisfaction at the good order which has prevailed in the town. They have been greatly disappointed at the treatment they have received from the hated Yankees, and some openly express the wish that their might always be as free from marauders as since the arrival of the Union troops.

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The *Queen of the West* was the first to strike us, which she did after passing through the coal barge lashed to her portside, doing us no serious damage. Next came the *Webb*. I stood for her at full speed, both vessels came together bows on with a tremendous crash, which knocked nearly every one down, the head of both vessels doing no damage to us, while the *Webb's* bow was cut in at least eight feet extending from about two feet above the water line to the keelson. At this time the engagement became general, and severe close quarters. I directed my little attention to the cotton-clad steamers, although they kept up a heavy fire with field-pieces and small arms, and knew that everything depended on my disabling the ram. The third blow crushed the starboard barge, leaving pieces hanging by the lashings, which were specedily cut. The crew of the *Indianola* not numbering enough men to man both batteries, I kept the forward guns manned all the time, and fired them whenever I could bear a shot at the rams. The night being very dark, our aim, was very uncertain, and our fire proved less effective than I thought it at the time. The coup below in the pilot-house were so small that it would have been a difficult matter to have worked the vessel from that place in daylight, so that during the whole engagement the pilots were enabled to aid me by their knowledge of the river, as they were unable to see anything, consequently they could do no more than obey such orders as they received from me in regard to working the engines and helm. No misunderstanding occurred in the performance of that duty, and I was enabled to receive the first five blows from the ram forward of the wheels, and at such angles that they did no more damage than to start the plating where they struck.

The sixth blow we received was from the *Webb*, which crushed in the starboard wheel, disabled the starboard rudder, and started a number of leaks abaft the shaft. Being unable to work the starboard engine placed us in an almost powerless condition, but I continued the fight until after we received the seventh blow, which was given us by the *Webb*. She struck us fair in timbers, and started the timbers and starboard rudder-post so that the water poured in in large volumes. At this time I knew that the *Indianola* would be of no more service to us, and my object was to render her useless to the enemy, which I did by keeping her in deep water until there was two and a half feet of water over the floor, and the leaks gained well pleased with its visit. In the evening several regimental bands assembled in front

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Gen. HOOKER on Friday afternoon pushed a daring reconnoissance across the Rappahannock just below Fredericksburgh, and ascertained fully the movements and intentions of the enemy. We give a full account of the movement this morning.

A dispatch from Cincinnati brings us intelligence from Vicksburgh to the 2d inst. It contains no assurance that Gen. GRANT is able to press the siege, and at the same time to take care of Joe JOHNSTON, who is now said to be still at Jackson. Gen. BLAIR had gone up the Yazoo River, and important news was expected from him soon. This expedition, probably, has some reference to JOHNSTON and his movements. Our siege guns were close up to the enemy's works—within a hundred yards, the statement is. The rebels, on the 1st inst., are said to have shot three hundred horses on the river bank, being unable to feed them.

We have this morning, brought up the *Morning Star*, which arrived at this port from New-Orleans early yesterday morning, fuller accounts of the desperate fighting at Port Hudson on the 27th ult. A general assault was made along the whole line of rebel works, which was only partially successful on the left, but was entirely successful on the right and centre—the rebels at those points being driven within their inner line at the point of the bayonet. Our entire loss in the day's engagement was thought to be about 3,000 in killed, wounded and missing. The list of casualties among the officers, which we publish elsewhere, will attest to the desperate character of the fighting. Advices from Port Hudson to the 29th, received by way of Vicksburgh, state that the place was then closely invested by Gen. BANKS—the two wings of his army resting on the river. Admiral FARRAGUT's fleet was thundering away at the front of the rebel works, and the field artillery at the rear.

The next steamer due from New-Orleans is the *Continental*, Capt. MARSHMANN, which was advertised to leave on June 2. She will undoubtedly bring us full lists of the killed and wounded in the recent battle at Port Hudson, and, we trust, favorable news regarding the progress of the siege.

We publish this morning, on our second and third pages, a series of letters from our special correspondents in Louisiana, giving highly interesting details of the important events which preceded the investment of Port Hudson, including the capture and occupation of Alexandria, the expedition in the Valley of the Amite River, &c.

A Murfreesboro correspondent of the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, writing on the 1st instant, says: "Last night there was an assemblage at the headquarters of the General-in-Chief, of the commanders of corps and divisions. They did not adjourn till the small hours of the morning had begun to pass. Of their decisions I will not speak. Let me say, however, that it is probable ere this reaches you the result will be made known to you by telegraph."

Gen. BURNSIDE, in command at Columbus, Ky., has issued a General Order, No. 23, to recruit contrabands for garrison and picket service, and to protect contraband colonies on lands confiscated from, or abandoned by rebels.

The New-Haven *Journal* says that Admiral FOOTE has, as yet, no knowledge of his appointment to the command of the South Atlantic Squadron.

The Taunton (Mass.) *Republican* states that Major-Gen. CODDINGTON was called to Washington on Wednesday last, and that he left immediately.

A dispatch to the Philadelphia *Inquirer* states positively that Mr. FERNANDO WOOD, during his recent visit to Washington, explicitly disavowed to Mr. LINCOLN and Secretary STANTON the reports of his speech at the mass meeting held in this City as given in our City journals.

The Murfreesboro' correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette* thus states the position which VALLANDIGHAM takes, now that he is in the hands of his friends: He announces to the rebels, first, that he is still VALLANDIGHAM; and, second, that he is a Union man. Then he proceeds to show them that a Union man, as he understands it, is one who would make the people of the West very sick of the war, who would divide the loyal States by a secession of the West, who would brew a storm there which should give the Government enough to attend to at home without fighting the rebellion, and thus would permit the rebels to dictate their own terms. By this he convinces the rebels—if any of them were so dull as to need this showing—that a Vallandigham Union man is a much better Secessionist than a Southern rebel. Thus he is recognized by the Confederates as carrying out their plot, and is patronized accordingly; while he is made a martyr in the North because he is not tolerated in his efforts to brew the storm which is to give the armed force of the North enough to do at home.

GENERAL NEWS.

The United States transport *Star of the South*, Capt. WOODHULL, from Newbern, N. C., May 26, and Key West, June 1, consigned to the United States Quartermaster, arrived at this port yesterday. There was nothing new at Key West. The health of the troops remained good.

The sale of cotton abandoned to the Government, appointed to take place in Memphis, has been removed to Cincinnati and St. Louis. There will be sales at the latter place on the first Monday of each month, and at Cincinnati on the second Monday of each month, beginning at Cincinnati on the 15th inst.

Breadstuffs were depressed, and prices generally lower on Saturday. Cotton was active at a further advance of 1c.@9c. ℔ ℔. Transactions in Provisions were rather less extensive; prices of Pork and Lard favored buyers. Sugars, Molasses and Rio Coffee were in good request, as were likewise Fish, Hides, Petroleum, Linseed Oil and Tallow. Freights were less active, with 597 vessels of all classes in port.

The Disintegration of Empires.

The brilliant and original notion of dividing men of public note into three absolutely-defined classes, was, we believe, the thought of a Scotch parson, who enjoys some local renown as a *littérateur*. His three classes included the *man original*, the *man extraordinary* and the *man imitative*—represented in their respective order by SHAKESPEARE, Lord BROUGHAM and Mr. N. P. WILLIS. Here, by a fine stroke of generalization, you had before you the types of the notable portion of the human race arranged, as it were, under your nose, so that you could muse over the theme without much of that hard brain exercise which BUCKLE and the ethnologists often impose on one.

The parson's generalizing power is now outrivaled by one of his countrymen in the leading Scotch review—the *North British* for the current month. "The Disintegration of Empires," as it is witnessed to-day, is treated under four heads, which are held to be inclusive of the whole of what may be regarded as imperial systems undergoing the process of dissolution; and the several characteristics of these dissolving systems are thus pictured: *First*—"Slow decay of the vital forces; * * * corruption of the solids and fluids of the social organization; * * —a scrofulous subject." This applies to China. *Second*—"The breaking up of a crazy and cumbrous machine, by attempting to put too high a speed upon its movements." This is Russia. *Third*—"The blowing up of the machine in consequence of a faulty construction." This, of course, is the United States. *Fourth*—"The maturing of an organization, while the vital forces of the body are still in full vigor. It is not decay; it is remote renovation." This, to be sure, must be Great Britain.

The first drawback to so convenient a summary as this is, that it sacrifices rather too much to conciseness. Why, for example, is Austria left out of account? Surely, she has lost quite as much, alike in territory and political influence, within the last thirty years, as any of the other unfortunate empires. And before the Italian, to say nothing of the Hungarian, question is solved, most people believe she will suffer still more in the decline of her imperial strength. Why, again, does Turkey not come directly into the classification—Turkey, not only territorially and by virtue of her geographical position, but as the nursery of a faith which is the most formidable rival of the Christian system existing in the world? She is surely an empire in the very throes, to-day, of an agonizing dissolution. It may be very convenient to have the human family represented by three familiar types, and equally convenient to have the dissolution of empires brought under four separate heads. But the trouble is, when the list of types leaves a number of classes unrepresented altogether.

How comes it, moreover, that China is singled out so prominently? Go back two hundred years, and the same apparent "disintegration" was witnessed then as is witnessed to-day. Yet the bitterest contests of the Tartar dynasty left the Imperial system of China as strong as it was two thousand years ago. And then, as to Russia, going at so high a rate of speed that the crumbling, crazy machine breaks down. Where does the Reviewer find the evidence of the break-down? Certainly not in the Crimea, if Mr. KINGLAKE is any authority; certainly not in the Emancipation act of the CZAR—for whatever may have been the difficulty of compassing that grand scheme, its introduction has left Russia at this hour united to a man against the Western Powers on the question of preserving the integrity of the Empire. If there is an Imperial system in the world less liable than another to the comparison of a crazy, crumbling machine, it is Russia.

The Reviewer is, of course, entirely at home when he speaks of the beautifully natural process of disintegration which applies to Great Britain; and his domestic similes, illustrating the charming picture of the colonies, like sons and daughters of mature age, leaving the parental roof and settling down, would do credit to the tenderness of Mrs. Sairy Gamp. But how about India? What of the Sepoy atrocities, and the subsequent and far worse British atrocities? Very touching domestic pictures were to be seen there, no doubt; but we do not remember that any of them took the pleasing form of a son or daughter leaving the parental home, with the benison of an indulgent parent. Doubtless, Canada and the neighboring colonies—extravagant, costly, and, withal, restive members of the Bull family—may pack up and leave the paternal roof to-morrow. They can bring, from their habits and position, neither tribute to the parent exchequer, nor influence to the councils of the world, in adjusting the balance of power on this Continent. And they may go to-morrow, and become their own masters. But is this the case with the great Anglo-Indian Empire? Why is it that there has been maintained, for fifty years, a nervous and continually growing struggle to maintain the tottering throne of the Sultans? Why is this frantic struggle going on to-day—for laying an embargo on the Suez Canal operations? Every one can answer. It is the dread—amounting almost to desperation—that English statesmen have of the approach of either of the great maritime powers toward the frontier of the Indian dominions. That fear rests on the soul of the British nation like a terrible nightmare, and makes sad and sorry havoc with those pleasing dreams of an empire rejuvenated and improved by casting off, in due season, the ripe fruit of its body.

The Reviewer comes, by a weary, waddling step, at last to the American war, and no doubt his brilliant generalizations were all conceived with the special object of illuminating the North British public mind on the causes leading to the secession of the Southern States. The writer has, evidently no ste determined hostility to this country, like many of his compeers, but he becomes easily muddled between Slavery and State Rights, and social customs, as the causes tending toward disintegration; and, finally, in a fit of despair, not having found precisely the cause that suited himself, he makes a bold dash at the "divine decrees," and like a good sound Calvinist, he asks:

"Shall the destinies of the North American nations be accomplished, and the divine purposes thereto relating fulfilled, by the means of a one all-grasping, all-absorbing empire, doing its ruthless pleasure from the Mexican Gulf to the Arctic regions—from the seaboard of the Atlantic to the seaboard of the Pacific Ocean?—shall it indeed be that that the same hand which long ago scattered the nations from the plains of Babylon and Nineveh, will be seen favoring an enterprise *of the same quality* in these last times? A negative answer to a question of this sort, man, we think, commend itself to all calm minds; on whatever grounds it is argued—whether the religious aspect of the question be regarded, or that of political or philosophical speculation."

Now this old-fashioned "predestinarian" way of settling the affairs of the world is precisely what the Reviewer should have begun with. It is even simpler than his first plan of generalization, excellent as that was; and as he evidently knows about as much regarding this country as he does about Babylon, Nineveh and China, he is wise to leave the whole question, as he does at last, in the hands of Heaven.

Fernando's Farce.

It is generally supposed that the Americans, as a people, are keenly alive to the ludicrous, and that a party which, in this country, lays itself open to the shafts of ridicule, is already as good as dead, if not buried. If this be true, the Fernando Wood faction must be in a perilous state; for the recent peace meeting was certainly the most notable farce ever played in this City. The presence of that fighting apostle of peace, Capt. BYRNES, was in itself a capital joke; and not less happy was the hoarse applause which repeatedly greeted the mild proposition to revolutionize the Government by force of arms! To judge from the appearance of the audience, an uninitiated person might have been led to congratulate the City upon the recent conversion of a very large proportion of her rowdies and red-mugs to the Quaker faith; and this, it must be confessed, was another capital stroke on the part of the peace-mongers. It would have moved the ghost of GEORGE FOX himself to inextinguishable laughter, to see such an audience vociferously applauding the pacific sentiments of FERNANDO WOOD, and *Ai-ki-ing* when the angelic prophecy of "Peace on earth and good will to men" was alluded to. We have always known WOOD to be a man of daring genius. We are not accustomed to be startled at what he says or does; but we never expected that even he would have the temerity to present a crowd of New-York roughs as the harbingers of the Millenium! It was a dangerous experiment, but it was a successful one.

The performance on the platform was in excellent keeping. For six speakers to declare, in one evening, that freedom of speech no longer existed in the North, was an exceedingly good joke; as was also the oft-repeated assertion that personal liberty in America, outside of Canada and the dominions of JEFF. DAVIS, "had become a dream of the past!" This would have been considered a little exaggerated, perhaps, for comedy, but the license of broad farce is superior to every law but that of its own caprice. It might have somewhat bewildered a foreigner, unused to the eccentricities of our politics, to observe the singular contradictions presented by the meeting. A Russian, say, would probably have been dumbfounded to hear a dozen loud-mouthed demagogues denouncing President LINCOLN as a bloody tyrant, a vile despot, a monster of arbitrary devices, who would not allow his trampled, trembling subjects to hold, still less to utter, opinions contrary to his own. He would, no doubt, suppose that every one of the speakers stood in momentary fear of death, Siberia, or the knout; that they had crawled there in disguise, in order to avoid the sleepless vigilance of the tyrant's emissaries. Perhaps he would imagine that they barricaded their houses day and night, slept with armed attendants on the watch, and were ready, at the first alarm, to take refuge in some hiding-place under the cellar floor, or behind the chimney, there to lie perdue until the danger was past.

But Mr. WOOD is in some danger of running his little joke "into the ground." Five or six long ferocious speeches in one evening, to prove that freedom of speech has no existence at the North, is rather stupendous, even for farce, and might prove tedious, if too frequently repeated. And besides, if a man can talk for four or five hours to prove that he is gagged, the public might reasonably dread the consequences of larger liberty. To what lengths might not WOOD have extended his remarks, had he not felt somehow restrained by LINCOLN's "iron grasp upon the throat of free speech?" Really, the joke is already stale.

Several of the speakers, including Mr. WOOD, expressed their willingness to suffer the bastile, and even death, for free speech. Their resignation to imaginary political martyrdom was quite affecting, if not sublime. Fancy them (if it be not too great an effort of the fancy,) to be in earnest about it, we think we could suggest a method by which they might obtain the object of their desire. Let them go to Richmond, where, by their own showing, there is less tyranny than here, and there attempt to get up a peace meeting on the basis of submission and surrender. We opine that a short shrift, and an unenviable elevation above the heads of the common crowd, would speedily cause them to utter quite another sort of "groans for the Lincoln despotism" than those which their treasonable denunciations evoked the other night.

TOO FAST.—We published on the 26th of May an article from the Richmond *Examiner*, of the 23d, which proclaimed in very loud and ferocious language that the rebel army was immediately going to assume the offensive, that the most important fourth of the week were about to be made, and "within the next fortnight the campaign of 1863 will be pretty well decided." That fatal fortnight was up yesterday; but we have not yet heard of any of the terrible occurrences which the *Examiner* predicted would take place within that time. We have not heard that they have yet opened the campaign, much less closed it triumphantly.

The Crisis in Prussia.

The crisis in Prussia continues. The King has come to the aid of his Cabinet, and has attempted to intimidate the Deputies by addressing to them a message, in which he censures them for approving the conduct of their President; pronounces that conduct a violation of the constitutional rights of the Ministry—nay, highly derogatory to the dignity of his crown, and counsels the Chamber to abandon its pretensions.

This message was delivered and read to the House by Herr VON BISMARK himself, but it did not shake the resolution of the members, or produce the anticipated effect. On the contrary, it was declared to be based on misinformation, and a Committee was appointed to take it into consideration and prepare a suitable reply, in which doubtless ministerial calumnies will be refuted, and royal errors corrected. A heavy responsibility rests on the Deputies. For not only are their own privileges at stake, but even the fate of constitutionalism in Prussia. The Premier and his master are at present merely striving to get in the edge of the wedge. Let them succeed in this, and they will not cease till they have driven it home. Their assumptions are wholly unwarrantable. The right which President GRABOW claims is not a violation of the Prussian Constitution, is not derogatory to the Prussian monarchy. What are the rights of Ministers, and what is derogatory to the dignity of royalty, are questions as well understood in England as in Prussia, yet PALMERSTON, LAYARD and GLADSTONE are as liable to be called to order by the Speaker of the House of Commons, as the most insignificant of its members. But the Prussian Ministers are not, it seems, members of the Lower Chamber, and therefore they claim to be exempt from the jurisdiction of its President. What clause or article of the Constitution justifies this claim? The Constitution, indeed, requires them to attend the House, and authorizes them to take part in its discussions, but it nowhere stipulates that they shall be privileged to indulge in vituperation, insult the Deputies, and violate the rules of the Chamber with impunity. Had the Constitution given the Von Bismark Cabinet any such license, they would doubtless have demonstrated it; and yet, so late as the Autumn of the past year, we find the very Minister who has caused the trouble now pending, submitting as a matter of course to be called to order by President GRABOW, for the use of unparliamentary language, and humbly apologizing to the House for the indecorum. It was not till the debate on the cartel-conventions that a disposition was manifested by any member of the Cabinet to question the authority of the President, and the Premier himself was the first to set that example of insubordination which Von ROON has only too faithfully followed.

But who that is aware of the feelings with which these men regard the Chamber, can suppose that they would not have advanced this claim at the beginning, could they have found any sanction for it in the Constitution? The framers of that instrument were certainly well disposed to popular liberty, and wished the nation's representatives to enjoy every privilege essential to the maintenance of order, and the proper discharge of their public duties. When, therefore, they invested the Lower House with the power of "regulating its discussions and discipline," they evidently intended that its President should have full jurisdiction within the precincts of the Chamber, and over all who took part in the debates. The same clause in the Constitution which authorizes the Lower Chamber to regulate its proceedings, confers a like right on the Herrenhaus; but to assume that the said clause conveys different powers to each House, in identical language, is rather a novel mode of interpretation, to which even the influence of Von BISMARK cannot induce the nation to subscribe. Why, the Lower Chamber might as well consent to annihilation, as yield to this impudent attempt at usurpation, and suffer the authority of its presiding officer to be thus restricted. For what deliberative body could continue to exist, without a moderating and controlling power being vested in some one of its members. Let the Prussian Deputies give way in this matter to the Cabinet, and their doom must be sealed, since their House will ere long become a bear garden, and themselves objects of contempt and derision to their constituents, no less than their enemies.

The members of the Lower Chamber seem fully aware of the importance of the question at issue, and as yet manifest no symptoms of a disposition to succumb. They have stood firmly by their President, and have voted almost unanimously that the claim of the Cabinet was inadmissible, and the Fortschritt party have prepared the draft of an address to the King, in which they deplore the degraded state of Prussian royalty, give vent to their indignation at the subserviency of the Von Bismark ministry to Russia, lament the loss of Prussia's prestige throughout the world, and proclaim that the nation's representatives have resolved to employ all their energies and powers to oust from office the men whose incapacity, maladministration and poltroonery have brought down these calamities on their country. This address, which is almost sure to receive the sanction of the Chamber, indicates no lack of pluck and spirit on the part of the Deputies. But what effect will it have on the mind of the stiff-necked monarch, other than that which all preceding addresses have had? As long as the people remain quiescent, and merely play the part of spectators in a theatre, WILLIAM will continue obstinate and unmanageable, and all appeals to him from the Chamber will be vain. Nothing save the thunder tones of an aroused and indignant nation can awake the King to a sense of the dangers of his situation, and give efficacy to the remonstrances of the Lower House.

Peace and Reunion.

"Peace and Reunion!" These were the dulcet words which lined the blank walls and gutterslides of New-York and Brooklyn, heading the call for the Grand Mass Convention of "those opposed to the war and its continuance." Peace and Reunion! What a delightful combination. Read it again. "It hath a dying fall." Do not all manner of visions at once come over the mind, of millennial glories—visions of lions and lambs, of Southern chivalry and Northern hyenas, of Copperheads and Butternuts, and Abolitionists, and all manner of opposing elements, all joined together in one grand Happy Family? Did not every one instinctively picture to himself the mild and gentle faces sure to be found at this meeting of the Peace and Reunion seekers?—the intellectual and honest phiz of FERNANDO, the calm and philanthropic countenance of ISAIAH, the ambrosial curls of EDMUND, and the general halo of meekness and serenity which would glorify the walls of Cooper Institute? And then the speeches sure to be heard, full of all gentleness and sweetness and piety, such as becomes those who come forth at the heavenly call of Peace and Reunion. They would all of course be earnestly in favor of free speech, so much so that it would not be very safe for any one to undertake to discuss the other side of the question in the hearing of the audience. They would be strong for the Union, so strong that not a word should be said against those who have armed themselves to overthrow it. They would be strenuous for the rights of the citizen and for a constitutional Government, so much so as to show plainly their sympathy with those who have based their rebellion upon a denial of those rights, and have striven to set up a despotism instead of a Constitution. And through all their outcry about the liberty of the citizen, about Free Speech and a Free Press, it would appear plainly enough that it is only because they have not the power that those who differ from them are not crushed under their feet by a tyranny which would, if it could, trample out even the thoughts of those who love freedom and would elevate the oppressed.

Peace and Reunion! Well! we all would like to accomplish that. There is something of a difference, however, in the ways by which we would pursue it. We wish these gentry would be explicit as to the means by which they propose to attain both of these objects. We can understand how one who is "opposed to the war and its continuance" might go to work to obtain peace. He might say let the Army of the Potomac lie down, while LEE rushes over it, and burns Washington. Let GRANT retire from before Vicksburgh, and send back the hundred cannon which he has captured. Let ROSECRANS send a flag of truce to BRAGG, asking permission for his army to lay down their arms at the feet of the rebels whom they whipped at Stone's River. Let BANKS evacuate New-Orleans—SCHOFIELD St. Louis—BURNSIDE Louisville, and MITCHELL Nashville. A vigorous prosecution of such measures might bring peace, but how about Reunion?—ay, how about *Reunion?*

For our own part we do not see how any sane man can, under present circumstances, look *for peace* except by *disunion*. If the progress of the war has decided anything, it has rendered it absolutely certain that so long as the Southern armies remain unbroken, and the rebel Government retains actual authority over the Southern people, the integrity of the Union cannot be restored. They are fighting for separation,—and nothing but their defeat can prevent it. The first thing, therefore, which every man who desires "reunion" has to do, is to insist on the defeat of the Southern armies. When *that* has been accomplished we can have "peace and reunion," until then we can have neither.

CALOMEL IN THE ARMY.—The recent order of Surgeon-General HAMMOND, prohibiting the use of calomel and tartar emetic in the army, has produced a good deal of lively discussion in medical circles, and is meeting with much criticism and opposition. Dr. HAMMOND asserted that the "abuse" of calomel produced certain "melancholy effects," and therefore he abolished its use, or, at all events, directed that it be struck from the medical supply tables. He said that army diseases could be treated as efficiently without as with tartar emetic, and, therefore, he ordered that it also be struck from the supply tables of the army!

The enormous extent to which these two remedial agents are now used by the profession, and the great and beneficent results which are generally attributed to them, will thus each find a check, so far as one-fifth of the able-bodied men of the country are concerned. The army physicians who have long been in the habit of using these potent drugs find themselves, in many cases, at a loss what to do for want of them; and it is feared that the health of the soldiers will be greatly deteriorated. On this point, of course, opinions differ widely; but a short time must tell; for the reports of the regimental and division surgeons will furnish a tolerably reliable test in the matter.

In the meantime, the accuracy of Dr. HAMMOND's assertion that "innumerable cases of profuse salivation" and frequent cases of mercurial gangrene in the army have arisen from calomel, is criticised—or, at least, if it be correct, it is doubted that it is at all necessary, if properly educated physicians are employed in the army. The physicians of Cincinnati have taken the matter up on the statement of facts, and have shown that out of *twenty-five thousand* patients treated in the military hospitals in the vicinity of that city, not more than nine cases of salivation have occurred, and not one of mercurial gangrene; and these nine cases of salivation in 25,000 may be partially accounted for, it is said, by a treatment known to physicians, in which salivation is produced to stop something worse even than gangrene. Dr. BLACKMAN, an old practitioner of national fame, says he has seen as many hospitals and battle-fields as any man in the country; was a long time Medical Director of McCLELLAN's division; was two months at McCLELLAN's headquarters on the Peninsula, and inspected FRANKLIN's division, yet he neither saw nor heard of any cases of mercurial salivation or gangrene. Other physicians give like testimony. In the meantime the question is one of the deepest interest to the profession, to science, and to the welfare of the army and the public generally. We hope it will be discussed, in the true spirit of science, by the various learned societies of doctors, and some definite result, based upon accurate observation, and correct and comprehensive data, arrived at. Now that we are all liable to become conscripts, the question of our medical treatment in the field and hospital is one which comes very close to us.

RUMORS AND NUMBERS.—The telegraph has not taken the trouble either to contradict or confirm the story it brought us, a few days since, that the rebels had captured a regiment of negro soldiers at Helena, Arkansas, and had hung every man of them, with all their white officers. We should think that when it was thought worth while to startle the whole country with a rumor of this kind, it would also be considered worth while to contradict it when it was proven to be false. The absurd stories which are often telegraphed to the Press may, perhaps, not be thought worthy of contradiction, but the fact is they deceive many people, and leave many others in doubt. News should either be more carefully sifted by the agents, or else they should take more pains to furnish the public any subsequent information that may be obtained on any given subject. In the meantime, it may be taken for granted that there was not a word of truth in the telegram that the regiment of negroes was hung at Helena, as that place is within a few hours' sail of Memphis, from which there is telegraphic communication all over the country; and the news has had no confirmation. The original story came from Murfreesboro, and there it was obtained from rebel sources. So it probably only indicated what the rebels would like to do, instead of what they actually did.

The rebel threat, however, that they would hang our negro soldiers, if caught, have had their effect; and, in any event, the Government has decided upon its course. We have now at the West four or five thousand rebel prisoners; and the President, it is said, means to have them all retained until this question of hanging negro soldiers is settled.

THE PREACHERS' REGIMENT.—The Twenty-fourth Iowa, or "Preachers' regiment," as it was called when formed out West two years ago, because largely composed of clergymen, was much ridiculed by the Copperhead Press and much scandalized by the foreign Press. But it has done very hard service for two years past, and the soldiers have proven themselves the bravest of the brave. Our Vicksburgh correspondent, in his most interesting letter published the other day, gave an account of an exploit of this regiment, which we hope was not overlooked. The regiment was part of a small storming party ordered to capture a rebel position, located on an almost inaccessible height, the crests of which were bristling with batteries, which rained hurricanes of death, and had to be approached through a gorge commanded by fourteen pieces of rebel artillery, there being also manned on both sides of the gorge heavy supports of rebel infantry. The storming party pushed on through the gorge and up the hill—the Preachers' regiment being foremost—and in twenty minutes this forlorn hope were hurrahing over the possession of all the guns, the crest of the hill, and the total rout of the rebel infantry; but our correspondent added that in this terrific charge, this Cerro Gordo charge, the Preachers' regiment was nearly annihilated.

It is evident that whatever else people may ridicule or sneer at, they cannot ridicule the courage of the Preachers' regiment. At least, the rebels had no occasion to ridicule it.

PHILADELPHIA NEWS.—The Philadelphia newspapers have remarkable imaginative powers, and they manage to procure correspondents and contributors of unequaled inventive genius. The consequence is that there is never a lack of brisk, startling and astounding news to be had from the Quaker City. We have had occasion heretofore to allude to some of the more extravagant achievements of the Philadelphia papers in deceiving themselves and deluding the simple minded, who are agog for sensations.

But the very latest and most unique essay of Philadelphia genius is the story circulated in that city yesterday, that President LINCOLN had recalled VALLANDIGHAM from banishment, and invited him to an interview at Washington! We do not know why the author of the story omitted to say that the President's wish and purpose was to make Mr. VALLANDIGHAM Secretary of War.

FRIENDS AND FOES.—We have read with great interest the account which the Chattanooga *Rebel* gives of the reception of that distinguished patriot VALLANDIGHAM, by those rebels, who, it was said, feared him as more dangerous to their cause than all the bayonets of LINCOLN. We are surprised to learn that "everywhere, those who have heard of his coming greeted him kindly and with silent tokens of sympathy and respect." Some of our captured soldiers, who went through the same region at the same time, report that the behavior of the rebels to them was very insulting and barbarous, and the Confederate authorities robbed them of their private property. We but note the comparison.

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ITS DEFECTS.

The New Academy of Sciences—Failure of Previous Attempts—What Such an Academy Requires to be Successful—Defective Views of its Founders.

[The Bulletin, Tuesday, May 26, 1863.]

Amidst the clash of battle and the controversy of opinion, I heard with pleasure that an Academy of Sciences was about to be formed, and that Congress would lend its aid in establishing it. I love to turn from the rough paths of life, where care and labor and sorrow meet me at every turn, to behold the beautiful results of science, and enjoy the repose which nature bestows. There is no plan to increase knowledge or improve mankind which does not receive my zealous favor. Whatever little aid I, with my narrow means, can give, I then cheerfully bestow. Hence, it was with disappointment I saw the manner in which the new Academy is formed, and the objects it proposes. Perhaps if I state why I was disappointed, I shall suggest some ideas and thoughts to others which may not be wholly useless.

There have been two or three previous attempts at forming national associations of science, and they have practically failed to be useful, though aided by all the power and appliances of the Press. It is but a short time since the NEW-YORK TIMES, and most of the daily papers, employed reporters and heralded forth the doings of the professional men of science. Yet, with all this aid, you could neither extract anything useful from their proceedings, nor give them any popular influence. Why? Because nearly all the men of science of this day (all, I believe, in this Academy) are employed in examining *dead objects*. The highest organism of *life* they have arrived at is, I believe, AGASSIZ's lectures on frogs. And it is perfectly obvious to all bystanders, calm observers, that the whole body of naturalists feel much more interest in a fossil snake, a coral insect, a Texas frog, or an Egyptian mummy, than they do in a living man. What, then, can they expect of living men, but that they should cease to regard or sympathize with what has nothing to do with living objects? I say this because you will observe, that in every scientific association formed nowadays, the naturalists take the lead and give color to the proceedings. But you will say, here are the mathematicians, mechanicians and astronomers, they deal with living things. Yes, their work enters into the machinery of society—*but only into the machinery*. The mathematical sciences are *not now progressive*.

I have no doubt you will be startled at some things I say; but examine it, compare ideas, and see what the truth is. You have got a big telescope and you have discovered and catalogued five hundred stars and comets in a year; but you have not got the tenth part of a new idea, and done nothing for astronomy but increase the length of the catalogue. What is the chances doing more than the Egyptians did when they raised the pyramids? Can you tell me? What has mathematics done since the days of NEWTON? Before you assert anything, examine it. I have no time for details. But Messrs. BACHE, HENRY and AGASSIZ will not be in a hurry to controvert these suggestions.

Now, turn to the other side. Look upon life, upon man as he is, and society as it moves before you. You see that society is in motion, that its tide is rushing on with a resistless energy which upheaves all objects, and uplifts all things from their ancient foundations. What means this universal diffusion of intelligence? What means this power of the Press? What means these ten thousand schools? What means this vast increase of wealth? this destruction of Slavery? this modification of Governments? this grand uprising of human hopes and human minds? Did the least particle of it come from the study of frogs, or the pursuit of the coral insect, or the examination of fossils, or the analysis of the calculus, or the catalogue of comets, or electrical batteries, or iron ships, or rifled cannon? Not one particle. It is *the motive power of living thought on living objects* which has fired the human heart and nerved human energy; raised the eyes of the soul up to God, in whose image it was made, and in whose communion it was made to live. Now, what has the new Academy of Sciences done? It has *ignored all living power and all living objects*. I confess to a feeling of sadness when I see a body of men, alike worthy and intellectual, whom I and the country respect, so far oblivious of what makes the world of science, as well as the world of life.

Let me examine their proceedings and I shall be better understood. In the first place, fifty gentlemen are incorporated by Congress as *the* exclusive Academy of Sciences. This does no great harm; for, most fortunately, Congress has no power to create exclusive men of science, and fifty more gentlemen can get incorporated if they please. Among the names are many men who are men of science of the highest reputation. But I will thank you to reprint separately the names which represent half the people of the United States in this Valley of the Mississippi. They ought to be made conspicuous, for they have never been made conspicuous before. In one word, we see the old idea still prevalent, that Boston and Washington contain all this world knows, or can ever hope to have. Let that pass. The Academy meets and resolves, that the Academy shall be divided into two classes, viz.: 1. Physics. 2. Natural History. They ignored all the social and political sciences! I believe there was not a man in the fifty, who represented those sciences, and of course they could not form such a class. I make no comment on this. I know the gentlemen engaged in this project would be glad to strengthen the Academy in any proper way, and would be the furthest from doing injustice. But, from whatever cause this has occurred, I must regret it. In the first place, it makes the world believe that the Academy has narrow views of things. In the next place, it lessens its utility. An institution to be successful must lay its foundations in the popular movement—the rising tide of human progression. Now, what sciences are among the moving elements of society? Here is political economy. ADAM SMITH, one of its founders, was one of only four great moving minds of the last century. The study of its various branches has been one of the motive powers which so greatly increased wealth. Here is statistics—a science as exact as mathematics—which Mr. BUCKLE says has done more than all other sciences in the last half century. Mr. BUCKLE (though wrong in his conclusions upon many things,) was a thinker, and made others think. He testifies to the value of living science, and not mere fossil remains of antiquity. Here is the science of Government. Here is the new science of Finance, in which the world may take lessons of Secretary CHASE. There are numerous elements of science going on, and just arising, connected with the movements of society; and these are just the things which such an Academy should take hold of and investigate. If the Academy is solely to be engaged on dead objects, and the remains of antiquity, I shall invite them to hold their annual meeting at the "Beaches." For, in the circuit of five miles, I can show them more shells, petrified snakes, coral beds, and ancient fortifications than they will be likely to see in their life-time; and there will be no danger of disturbing society by any violent excitements of mind.

I must conclude, with the hope that the worthy and learned gentlemen who now constitute the Academy of Sciences will so far attend to my suggestions as to gain some little hold on the popular mind. We "outside barbarians" may not be very learned, nor very fit to associate with men of science; but we do partake of the interests and feelings of society. We are human, and are interested in human things. We can listen with deep and grateful interest to the eloquent lectures of AGASSIZ. We can be entertained with his ornithological classification of frogs and insects; but we cannot be persuaded, even by his eloquence, that any amount of knowledge of insects, of petrifactions, of triangles, stars, or comets, can equal that higher, and better knowledge, which improves the condition of society, elevates the human mind, and leads men to felicity, temporal and eternal.

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

Sunday Railway Excursions.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The residents skirting the line of the Harlem Railroad as far as Croton Falls, were not a little annoyed, last Sunday, by numerous cheap excursion trains, and express some concern about the influence of the new system. Those who remember the experiences of fifteen or twenty years ago, when crowded cattle cars transported thousands of our subterraneans into convenient proximity to the orchards and gardens of Westchester, for Sunday picnics and junketings, will not welcome the establishment of the scheme. A brief experiment will satisfy the more recent owners and occupants of the beautiful residences at Fordham, Bronxville, and other villages, that the swarms of Sunday idlers from the City are not the most considerate and agreeable visitors; and that the arrangement for tempting them from our dram-shops and tenement-houses to a "survey of nature" and a taste of its *fruits*, though it may be "sport" for them, and the railroad company, is "death" to rural quiet.

In England and on the Continent, cheap Sunday trains are much in vogue—with a better claim, perhaps, for approval, on the score of necessity, than can well be urged here. But the inhabitants of Brighton, Bath and other places of resort, have protested against them, as most baneful and demoralizing in their influence; and several important companies have ceased to run them. The principal railway journal of England (*Herepath's*) takes ground against them, for reasons of humanity to employes, "commercial advantage to the companies themselves," and regard for the public welfare. "Forced Sunday work," says that journal, "as great as on ordinary days, and which is diametrically opposed in character to that commonly performed during the day of rest in this country, is hardly calculated to attract to the service of railways the best class of servants."

In this country the prevailing sentiments and usages of the people are little friendly to Sunday excursionizing; and none of our railways, with this single exception, have thought it expedient to adopt the European system. Its intrinsic unprofitableness would be enough to control the matter, perhaps; but added to this may be reckoned the personal convictions of many directors and stockholders and the restraining influence of suburban residents, who unanimously oppose the innovation for reasons like those which drove the Quarantine Hospital into the bay, if for no higher reasons. Because they want, and have a right to quiet and security for themselves and their families, they protest, and have a right to protest, against arrangements destructive of both. They have purchased, built, adorned, and removed to their villas and country seats, in the faith that their only home-day should be one of repose and comfort. If compelled to stand guard over their fruits, flowers and families every bright Sunday of the Summer, for the benefit of the railway they support by week-day patronage, and to accommodate the proletarians of the City, they may well impeach the good faith of the Company, and escape as they can from investments rendered comparatively valueless by its cupidity.

With the exquisite grounds of the Central Park on the borders of the City, and accessible to its entire population, attracting tens of thousands to its Saturday afternoon concerts, and open to all who choose to visit it on Sunday, the last excuse for Sunday excursion trains is taken away. No fresher, purer air fans the cheek in Westchester or Putnam than sweeps across the Ramble. No sweeter perfumes distil from the private lawns at Fordham or White Plains than from the vines and parterres that adorn the people's beautiful pleasure-ground. "Stolen waters are sweet," indeed—to some tastes; but we doubt whether the law gave leaving to a great corporation for the purpose of tempting men from their homes on the Day of days, that they may steal them.

The Paper Question.

From the Scottish American Journal.

A business arrangement introduced by the proprietors of the Times, of this City, deserves much more than the usual notice accorded to essential private enterprise. Our readers are familiar, from practical experience, with the fact that the advance in the price of printing paper, which commenced nearly a year ago, taxed the ingenuity as well as the resources of publishers to the utmost, to bear up under the ever-whelming burden so unexpectedly imposed on them. Most of the leading journals struggled for a time to maintain their old prices; but every one of them was ultimately compelled either to raise their price or reduce their size. The vigorous efforts of the whole publishing body, including the bookselling as well as the newspaper interest, to secure the abolition of the Customs' tax on foreign paper were only partially rewarded. A reduction of the import to 20 per cent. was effected only after a desperate struggle; and the paper manufacturers probably allowed themselves to be brought to these terms by their better that 20 per cent. if not as good as an entirely prohibitory tariff, was a reasonable protection against unfair competition from abroad. It remains not to be fully seen how far this belief is to be justified; and the proprietors of the Times, in putting the question practically to the test, have rendered a service to the publishing interest, as well as to readers everywhere, which deserves conspicuous and honorable mention.

It has long been known that the cheapest paper in the world, taking quality into account, is manufactured in Belgium. This we can make partly apparent to our readers when we state, that at the time when common newspaper printing paper had reached its maximum rate a few months ago, we were paying in New-York 24 cents a pound for it, while we might have had it Antwerp for 7½ cents, or less than one-third the current rate here. The duty, payable under the Morrill tariff, and the freight and insurance would, of course, have sadly neutralized any apparent profit accruing from a foreign investment. But the reduction of the tax to twenty per cent. has now made the speculation feasible, it made on a tolerably large scale and the proprietors of the Times at once, on the passing of the act reducing the former paper tariff, ordered an importation of nearly 2,700 reams. This last amount in avoirdupois is something near 130,000 lbs., and we may make a close approach to an estimate of what the saving to this single journal would have been at the rates charged for home-made paper at the highest of the crisis. To the seven and a half cents per pound which is the price in Belgium, we have to add one-fifth more for customs, and probably fifteen per cent. for freight and insurance—besides say thirty per cent. on exchange. Thus we should have an addition of ninety-five per cent. to the price of the paper before it reached the storeroom in New-York, which would, of course, make the price of the paper here exactly 14.60 cents per pound; the difference in favor of the imported being 9.40 cents on each pound; or on the whole importation, as the Times, say 311,280. This, as we have pointed out, is the result of a comparison between the highest price as yet paid here, and the cost of an importation from Belgium on a very considerable scale. Our readers, however, will bear in mind that the uncertain condition of the exchange makes it too serious a risk for less wealthy newspaper establishments to risk heavy purchases abroad; and only purchases made on a very considerable scale could be at all likely to turn out remunerative. We are glad, nevertheless, that the Times, proprietors have made a beginning. If it do not lead to an immediate revolution in the trade, it will at least stand prominently out as a warning to the paper manufacturers, not to stretch their power of exacting exorbitant prices to a limit beyond endurance. Their best friend at the moment is, unquestionably, the exchange market. Were the currency of the country at its old settled basis, the foreign manufacturer, even with the present heavy duty against them would shortly compel their American rivals to revert to the old prices, or retire from the field of competition altogether. For the time, the latter probably consider themselves secure against any seriously threatened invasion of their domain. But the day of reckoning will surely arrive for them; and for the edification of readers we hope it will come soon.

THE RETURNING REGIMENTS.

Facts Connected with the Thirty-Seventh and Thirty-Eighth New-York Volunteers.

The Reasons why the Regiments did not Arrive at the Appointed Time.

The Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth New-York regiments did not arrive in this city till 1 o'clock yesterday morning, although it was confidently expected they would reach here by 10 or 11 A. M. on Friday. It was known here early on Friday morning that the regiments had got as far as Philadelphia, and information to that effect was telegraphed to the military committee at the Astor House, and to the Committee on National Affairs of the Common Council. The time occupied in transferring a few hundred soldiers from Philadelphia to New-York, is usually about six hours, and, in this instance, it was understood by all parties concerned in the reception, that ample preparations had been made for placing the troops on board the cars at the former city, and sending them to this point. In accordance with the programme of arrangements the military escort, consisting of several regiments, the whole under the command of Brig.-Gen. HALL, was marched to the Battery, there to await the arrival of the returning regiments. Broadway, from the Battery to Union-square, was thronged, as were also the steps and esplanade in front of the City Hall, with citizens who had assembled to witness the grand ovation to be extended to the gallant volunteers. Hour after hour this large military and civic concourse was kept in anxious waiting for the expected troops, and it was not definitely known by the public till 6 P. M., that the regiments would not arrive in season to participate in the reception. It was proposed to give them on that day. Possibly some few persons in the crowd might have inferred that the delay was the result of political intrigue, but the people generally evidently believed that accident alone prevented the regiment from arriving here at the appointed time. That the troops were purposely detained at Philadelphia is now well-known and freely admitted. Why they were not allowed to reach here at a reasonable hour on Friday will be explained in the letter and the statement of the individuals who identified themselves with the movement will be announced in connection with a full explanation of the affair, to be made by a City official. Taking into consideration the great expense attending a reception like the one proposed, it was no light matter that the arrangements should be seriously interrupted, and the thousands of people who were disappointed at not seeing the regiments, did not probably take it as a good joke, it seems that the Military Committees and the Committee on National Affairs of the Common Council, differed as to the arrangements to be observed, consequently, instead of all the Committees working harmoniously together for the benefit of the returning regiments, the Military and the Common Council Committees worked to get the lead of each other; and although the Military Committee, imporatily succeeded in accomplishing their object, it remains, to be seen what will finally be done by the Committee on National Affairs. It has been decided to publicly receive the regiments, of course, and if the weather should prove favorable, the display will be the grandest that has yet taken place on a similar occasion. The proceedings will be managed entirely by the Committee on National Affairs. Ald. BOOTH, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, consulted with Gen. HALL yesterday, and received from him the assurance that nothing should be wanting on his part to make the event equal the expectation. In the evening the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth will be entertained with a dinner at the City Assembly Rooms. Yesterday, the Thirty-eighth marched from the Park Barracks to the Arsenal on White-street, which place they will make their temporary quarters.

Col. LEARNED has issued an order for the Seventh regiment to parade on Monday in uniform in the reception. Regimental time will be formed on Lafayette-place at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Capt. Orro's troop of the First regiment will also parade, together with the Seventy-first, the Sixty-ninth, the Thirty-seventh, and the Twenty-third of Brooklyn. Other organizations will join in the reception.

Adelina Patti.

The Paris correspondent of the *Courrier des Etats Unis*, writing under date of May 22, says that a musical journal of Paris had received from London, and was to publish on the next Sunday, a note in English, written and signed by ADELINA PATTI, wherein she invokes the intervention of British justice against her family—the family on this occasion being represented by Messrs. PATTI, father, and STRAKOSCH, brother-in-law.

Miss ADELINA complains that she has seen every penny of her earnings, amounting to more than a hundred thousand dollars, swallowed up by the aforesaid PATTI and STRAKOSCH. This, however, is but a little thing in comparison with another exercise of parental authority. She was sought in marriage by a rich and honorable Spanish gentleman; her heart responded favorably, and PATTI, the father, with a view to a pecuniary settlement, in case the young man's family consented. The young man's family did consent, but the lady's father refused to do as he had agreed, interdicted all correspondence, and allowed no interview between the betrothed and her lover.

ADELINA now demands to be removed from under this tyranny, and to be placed in the tutelage of the Court of Chancery during the seven months remaining before she becomes of age. She declares, at the same time, that she has no intention of seeking any pecuniary return from her father and brother-in-law, but she wants the chance to them what they have so unceremoniously grabbed.

The Coming Democratic State Convention in Ohio.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 6.

The following is a special dispatch to the *Bulletin*:

CINCINNATI, Saturday, June 6.

The approaching Democratic State Convention is the topic of conversation everywhere. VALLANDIGHAM is as good as nominated. VALLANDIGHAM wants it, and his friends are determined he shall have it. The pressure for him in the rural districts is overwhelming. It is rumored that Mr. LINCOLN has sent for VALLANDIGHAM, probably to have an interview and compromise.

Obituary.

Master Robert Wm. Mathews, aged 18 years, died last Friday morning, at 5 o'clock, at the residence of his parents, No. 46 Summit-street, South Brooklyn. He had been suffering from a complication of diseases, including some pneumonia and acute rheumatism, for nearly two weeks. He was a truly noble youth, of fine form and rare intellectual power. At the beginning of the present civil war he served, for several months, as the Seventeenth regiment of New-York Volunteers, Col. LEARNED. Having had a strong partiality for sea life, he entered the naval service a year ago, and made a ten months' cruise on board the United States brig-of-war *Bainbridge*, Lieut. Dominick Lynch commanding. While the brig lay at Aspinwall for repairs, he contracted the Isthmus fever, which was the remote cause of his death. He had been home only about three weeks at the time of his decease. The remains were taken, on Saturday afternoon, June 6, to Utica for interment.

SCULPTURE.—The remarkable statuette called the "Freedman," by WARD, the sculptor, is to be issued in bronze—a material not only valuable for its artistic character, but especially adapted to this subject. Ten copies only are to be cast, for an equal number of subscribers. WARD has just completed a beautiful and spirited design for the use of the Loyal Publication Society. It represents the Goddess of Liberty upborne by, or, rather, resting by her right arm upon the outspread wings of an eagle. Her left hand outreached holds the National flag, from whose folds flutter scrolls and leaflets earthward, significant of the objects of the Society. The eagle clinches a dying snake in its talons. The whole group is relieved against the radiating beams of the sun.

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MARRIED.

FISHER—MEUSER.—In Rye, N. Y., on Sunday, May 31, by Rev. T. D. Littlewood, HENRY C. FISHER, of Brooklyn, and DOROTHY S., daughter of John H. Meuser, Esq., of Rye. No cards.

DIED.

BRIDGE.—On Friday afternoon, June 5, at the residence of his mother, JAMES F., youngest son of the late Lewis K. Bridge, in the 21st year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the Church of the Messiah (Dr. Osgood's,) on Sunday afternoon, June 7, at 3½ o'clock.

CASSIDY.—On Thursday, June 4, after a long illness, MARGARET, the only daughter of Michael and Bridget Cassidy, aged 19 years and 4 months.

Her relatives and friends, and those of her father, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 502 East 24th-st., on Monday morning, June 8, at 10 o'clock A. M., to St. Stephen's Church, 28th-st. near 3d-av., where a Requiem Mass will be offered up for the repose of her soul, and thence to Calvary Cemetery.

☞ Philadelphia papers please copy.

GREENWOOD.—On Friday, June 5, WILLIAM O. GREEN, in the 51st year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, and of his brothers, George S. and Thomas W. Green, also of his sons in-law, William Dillingham and H. Frank Herkner, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from St. Mark's Church, corner of South 8th-st., on Sunday afternoon, June 7, at 3 o'clock.

☞ Kingston (Jamaica) papers please copy.

GREEN.—In this City, on Friday, June 5, FRANCIS H. GREEN, aged 38 years.

The relatives and friends, also the members of Sylvan Grove Lodge, No. 278, F. and A. M., and Columbia Lodge I. O. O. F., are invited to attend the funeral, at 3 o'clock P. M. Sunday, June 7, from his late residence, No. 260 Monroe-st.

The officers and members of Sylvan Grove Lodge, No. 278, F. and A. M., are hereby summoned to attend a special communication of said Lodge at their rooms, corner of Center and Grand sts., at 2 o'clock P. M. on Sunday, June 7, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, FRANCIS H. GREEN. The Masonic Fraternity in general are invited to be present.

WM. N. BENJAMIN, W. M.

GILMAN.—In this City, on Saturday, June 6, WILLIAM C. GILMAN, aged 65 years.

His friends are invited to attend the funeral service at his late residence, No. 14 East 27th-st., on Monday morning, June 8, at 9½ o'clock. The remains will be taken to New-Haven, Conn., for interment.

The Committee, and the Sons of Connecticut, are invited to attend the funeral of their associate and Treasurer, WILLIAM C. GILMAN, on Monday morning, at 9½ o'clock, at No. 14 East 27th-st. By order

CHARLES GOULD, Secretary.

GILBERT.—At Whitestone, L. I., on Saturday, June 6, Rev. RAPHAEL GILBERT, aged 66 years and 4 months.

The funeral will take place from the M. E. Church, Whitestone, on Monday, June 8, at 2 o'clock P. M. The remains will be taken to Cypress Hill Cemetery for interment.

HUTTER.—On Friday, June 5, ALEXANDER HUTTER, aged 42 years.

His friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 69 Morton-st., on Monday afternoon, June 8, at 2½ o'clock.

LEGGETT.—On Friday morning, June 5, ANNA E., wife of Francis H. Leggett, and daughter of Edward H. Stokes, formerly of Philadelphia, in the 21st year of her age.

The friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 248 West 21st-st., on Sunday afternoon, June 7, at 3 o'clock.

☞ Philadelphia papers please copy.

SHEPARD.—On Saturday, June 6, 1863, at her residence, No. 65 Montague-place, Brooklyn, MARY, relict of Ira Lee Pelser Shepard, aged 77 years, 6 months and 6 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Tuesday, June 9, from her late residence, No. 65 Montague-place, at 3 o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

TRUESDAY.—On Friday, June 6, ANN FORBES, daughter of Maynard and Maria F. Thorne, in the 21 year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from No. 125 Henry-st., Brooklyn, on Sunday, June 7, at 3 o'clock P. M.

OFFICIAL DRAWINGS OF MURRAY, EDDY & CO.'S KENTUCKY AND MISSOURI STATE LOTTERIES.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

AT ST. JOHN'S M. E. CHURCH—3D-ST., between Broadway and 4th-av., preaching on SUNDAY MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, by Rev. J. FOSTER, D. D., and in the EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, by Rev. CHAS. H. FISHER. Seats free. The public is cordially invited to attend. Sabbath-school at 9 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M.

FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, No. 155 WORTH-ST.—The usual children's service SUNDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. Short addresses suited to children, and their own sweet hymns. Strangers and others interested in laboring among the degraded are cordially invited. Direct route through Broadway and Worth-street to the Five Points.

MADISON-AVENUE CHURCH, CORNER MADISON-ST.—The Universal Congregation will worship hereafter, until further notice, with the Church in the Madison-ave. Rev. Dr. HAMS hereby announces that on the evenings will preach on SUNDAY, at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. Families residing in the vicinity, not otherwise connected, are cordially invited.

SPIRITUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF EDEN, ON THE NEW DISPENSATION, ON SUNDAY, at 10 A. M. and 3 and 7½ P. M., at the hall formerly occupied by the Spirit Rappers, 543 Broadway, southeast corner of 2d-st. Admission free. Collections taken up to defray expenses.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, EIGHTEENTH-ST., near 6th-av. Anniversary of the Sunday-school, at 3½ P. M. The Rev. J. LIGGINS, missionary to China and Japan, will deliver an address, to be interpreted for the nations. Usual services at 10½ A. M. and 8 P. M., the former preaching on the Sermon, and the Rev. F. BATES EAGAR on the latter.

SECOND ADVENT CHURCH, BOTANIC Hall, No. 88 East Broadway, Preaching on SUNDAY, by Elder WM. SHEPHERD. Subject in the morning, at 10½ o'clock, *The Christians—His Armor, Conflict and Triumph*; afternoon, at 3 o'clock, *The Great Prophetic Events, or Crisis of the Nations*. All are cordially invited to attend. Seats free.

REV. NEWTON HESTON, PASTOR OF the State-st. Congregational Church, (near Hoyt-st.,) Brooklyn, will preach on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. A Strawberry Festival will be held in the Church on THURSDAY EVENING, 11th inst. Several eminent clergymen will address the meeting. Tickets to be had at the door.

NEW-YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Rev. J. C. BURNHAM will preach a sermon to young men in the Union Dutch Reformed Church, 6th-av., opposite Amity-st., on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Subject—*The Young Man's Duty to His Country*. A cordial invitation is extended.

GREENE-ST. M. E. CHURCH—BETWEEN Spring and Broome sts.—Rev. J. K. WARNER, Pastor, will preach on SUNDAY at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 7½ o'clock P. M., evening discourse particularly to the Young; lecture Wednesday evening; prayer meeting Friday evening. Seats free.

NEW-YORK PORT SOCIETY MARINERS' CHURCH.—Corner of Madison and Catharine sts. Preaching on SUNDAY, 7th inst., by Rev. W. E. JOHNSON, at 10½ o'clock A. M., and at 7½ P. M., by Rev. E. B. REMOND, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. All seamen and friends of seamen are invited. All seats free.

REV. E. PETERS, WILLIAMSBURGH, gives his last lecture on the Jews, in German, on SUNDAY EVENING. Subject—*The Duty of every True American at the Present Hour*. He will monitor the cry of "Peace, peace, where there is no peace." Church corner of 4th and South 3d sts.

THIRTY-FOURTH-ST. REFORMED DUTCH Church, between 8th and 9th ave.—Preaching on SUNDAY by the Pastor, Rev. PETER STRYKER. Services at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. In the morning (D. V.) the pastor will preach his seventh anniversary discourse.

REV. ISAAC WESTCOTT WILL DELIVER the third lecture to young men, in the Bloomingdale Baptist Church, in 63d-st., between 7th and 8th ave., on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Subject—*Fidelity, especially to Parents and Employers*. Text: "A faithful man shall abound with blessings."

REV. ALFRED COCKMAN, LATE OF the Philadelphia Conference, having been appointed Pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, on 34th-st., between 7th and 8th ave., will preach on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. A cordial welcome extended to strangers, and seats cheerfully provided.

PROF. MATTISON, FORTY-FIRST-ST., near 6th-ave, at 10½ A. M. and at 7½ P. M. The right hand of fellowship will be given to several new members at the close of the morning sermon. Evening Topic—*Why the Northern Clergy Preach War and Bloodshed, instead of Peace*.

AT THE LAIGHT-STREET CHURCH—Corner of Laight and Varick sts., (St. John's Park,)—Rev. I. S. KALLOCH will preach SABBATH MORNING upon Non-Resistance, as taught in the Sermon on the Mount, and in the EVENING upon *The Garden of Gethsemane*.

NOTICE.—LARGE HALL, EIGHTH-AV., CORner 23d-st. Presbyterian Church, Rev. E. C. SELSER, Minister. Regular services MORNING and EVENING, at the usual hours. Sabbath School, 9 A. M. Subject for evening—(*D. V.*)—*Neglected Pulpit Themes*. Seats free.

MARKET-ST. CHURCH CHAPEL.—REV. C. D. MURRAY will preach on SABBATH AFTERNOON, at 3½ o'clock, in the Home Chapel on 29th-st., between 4th and Madison ave. The usual services will be held in Market Church, corner East Broadway, morning and evening.

REV. MORGAN DIX, D. D., RECTOR OF Trinity Church, will preach on SUNDAY EVENING in the Church of the Resurrection, 25th-st., few doors east of 5th-av. Services commence at 7½ P. M. Special collection for the benefit of the church. Strangers cheerfully provided with seats.

PRESBYTERIANS IN THE NORTH-EASTERN section of the City will find pleasant and ample church accommodation in the Lexington-avenue Presbyterian Church, corner of 68th-st. Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. JOSEPH SANDERSON, every SABBATH, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Sabbath School at 2 P. M.

FIRST POLISH EVANGELICAL MISSION in the United States will be open on SUNDAY, at No. 314 Bowery, near Bleecker-st. The preaching in Polish language (to Polaks) at 1 o'clock P. M. All sons of Poland are cordially invited. M. B. CZECHOWSKI, Missionary.

DR. JUNKIN'S LECTURE ON PROPHECY.—The twenty of the course will be delivered in the Church, corner of Canal and Green sts., on SUNDAY, at 7½ P. M. Morning service at 10½. The public are invited. Seats free.

IN THE FORSYTH-ST. M. E. CHURCH, between Canal and Division sts., Rev. JOHN FOX, dec., of the Troy Conference, on SUNDAY MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, and Rev. JOHN FOX, Jr., Pastor, in the EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Seats free.

FRENCH PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH "DU ST. ESPRIT," West 22d-st., near 8th-av. SUNDAY, June 7. Morning service and sermon in French, by Rev. Dr. WYMAN, the Rector, at 10½ o'clock. Evening service in French; sermon in English, by Rev. STANTON H. TYNG, Jr., at 7½ o'clock.

JOHN-ST. M. E. CHURCH—REV. J. M. CARROLL, Pastor. Preaching SUNDAY MORNING at 10½ o'clock, and in the EVENING at 7½. Prayer meeting before evening service, commencing at 6½ o'clock. Seats free. Strangers are cordially invited to attend.

NEW-JERUSALEM HOUSE OF WORSHIP, 35th-st., between 4th and Lexington ave. Rev. CHAUNCEY GILES, of Cincinnati, will preach on SUNDAY MORNING at 10½ o'clock and EVENING at 7½. The public are invited.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, Madison-ave., Rev. WM. HANSON, Pastor, will preach on SUNDAY MORNING at 10½ o'clock, and EVENING at 7½. Services at 3 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE TABERNACLE, No. 440 Broadway.—Regular monthly Children's Meeting will be inaugurated SUNDAY EVENING, at 6 o'clock; addresses by Brig.-Gen. RICHARD SALTER, Dr. R. R. Wasgatt and the Pastor, C. C. Goss. Seats free.

FREE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS—Memorial of Rev. SAMUEL H. TURNER, D. D., northeast corner of 32d-st. and Broadway. Rev. N. E. CORNWALL, D. D., Rector. Hours of service every SUNDAY, 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M.

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MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, June 6, 1863.

$12,000 U. S. 6s, 81, Coup.	104¼	300 Hudson R. R.	122
6,000 Treas. 7-30s D. & M.	100	200 Mar. Bellwood	104
Sales, Oct. & Apr.	100	150 do.	110
10,000 U.S. 1-yr. C.	101¼	100 do.	110
22,000 do. New	99¾	400 do.	110
5,000 do.	99	1000 do.	109
2,000 Va. State 6s	64¼	200 do.	109
5,000 Mo. State 6s	62½	200 do.	109
40,000 do.	62½	100 do.	110
5,000 do.	62½	200 do.	109
1,000 City 6s, '71	110	100 N. H. & W. R.	110
5,000 O. & Miss. R.R. C.	87½	200 Reading R.	110
30,000 do.	88½	200 do.	109½
7,000 E. 3d M. R. 6s	113	600 M. S. & N. I.	77½
2,000 E. 4th M. R. 6s	102	1000 do.	77½
5,000 N. Y. C. 6s	106	200 do.	77¾
15,000 Hud. R. 2d M.	122	50 M. S. & N. I.	77½
1,000 N. C. 6s Do. int.		100 Ill. Cen. R. Scr.	110
S. F. Bs.	82	100 do.	109½
3,000 M. Sc. S. F.	110	100 do.	110 109½
2,000 Al. & T.H. 2M. Pf.	61	200 Buff. & Sy. R.	124
1,000 Al. & T.H. Inc. B.	45	50 Mich. S. & N. I.	77
2,000 Cal. & Chic. 2d M.	112	400 Clev. & P. R.	89
10,000 Clev. & P. 4th	87	400 do.	89¾
5,000 Mich. S. No. 1, G.	81	1000 do.	90
10 Bank of St. of N. Y.	105	200 do.	89
10 Bank of N. Amer.	107	300 do.	89
25 Mer. Ex. Bank	99	400 do.	89¾
125 Metropolitan Bank	110	100 do.	90¼
10 Park Bank	138	100 Gal. & Chi. R.	103¾
10 Commonw'lth Bank	99¾	150 do.	103¾
26,000 Amer. Gold	144¾	100 Chi. & R. Is.	100
47,000 do.	144¾	100 do.	100
25,000 do.	144¾	700 do.	99
200 Canton Co.	32	200 do.	99
100 do.	32¼	200 do.	99
100 do.	32½	100 do.	98¾
600 Cumb. Coal Prefd.	28¾	200 do.	98¾
50 do.	28	600 do.	98¾
100 do.	28¾	200 do.	98¾
200 Quicksv. Min. Co.	43	200 P., Ft. W. & Chi.	73
200 Can. Am. T. Co.	22	50 do.	72¾
150 do.	21	200 do.	72¾
50 Brunz. C. L. Co.	6¾	50 do.	72
25 Am. Coal Co.	65	50 Alt. & T. H. R.	44
100 Pacific M. Co.	194	50 do.	44¾
250 N. Y. Cen. R.	121¾	100 do.	46¾
400 do.	121¾	400 do.	44¾
450 Erie Railway	26¾	50 Alt. & T. H. P.	70¾
100 do.	26¾	400 C. & N. W. R.	51¾
200 do.	26¾	100 do.	51¾
1000 do.	26¾	100 Chic. & Alt. Pref.	82

PUBLIC BOARD—1 P. M.

$5,000 Mo. State 6s	62¾	100 Harlem R.	122¾
5,000 do.	62	200 do.	b3 122¾
1,000 Chic. Coal Prf.	28¾	200 do.	b10 122¾
50 do.	28¾	200 Clev. & P. R.	b10 90¾
100 do.	28¾	200 do.	90¾
100 N. Y. Cen. R.	121¾	100 P., F. W. & C.	73
100 Erie Railway	26¾	100 do.	68 73
100 do.	26¾	100 do.	73¾
100 do.	26¾	50 do.	73
200 do.	26¾	100 Gal. & Chic. R.	103¾
100 do.	26¾	50 do.	101
100 do.	26¾	100 Clev. & Tol. R.	111¾
100 do.	26¾	100 do.	111¾
100 do.	26¾	100 Chic. & R. I. R.	99
100 M. Sc. & N. I. R.	77	100 do.	b3 99
50 do.	77	100 do.	c 99¾
100 do.	77	100 do.	b10 99
100 do.	77¾		

SATURDAY, June 6—P. M.

The price of Gold Coin fell off, to-day, to 144¼@144½ ₱ cent. Exchange on London, after the sailing of the steamers this forenoon, was quoted easier and irregular at 158@160 ₱ cent., but with very little actual business. The Port Hudson advices, although bloody in their details, were favorably construed by the Street. The price of Money to the Stock Brokers was generally placed at 7 ₱ cent. on the Railway and other speculative Stocks, and the demand was quite sharp, so much so as to further depress the sales at the First Session of the Exchange Board, and subsequently on the Street. The prices were generally lower by 1@2 ₱ cent. than yesterday; the demand irregular; weak on Harlem, Rock Island, Fort Wayne and Chicago, Cumberland and Canton, and steady at the lower figures for Erie, Michigan Southern, New-York Central, Illinois Central, and Cleveland and Pittsburgh. There was no Second Session of the Board, and no afternoon meeting at the Public Room. This Saturday arrangement will continue from the present date to the first week in September.

In the Street after 3 o'clock the market was partially better, especially on Rock Island, which, from 98¾, improved to par, and also on Harlem. The following prices were made as compared with Friday afternoon:

	Fri.	Sat.		Fri.	Sat.
Gold Coin	145¾	144½	Harlem Pref.	127	128
U. S. 6s, 1881	105¼	105¼	Mich. Central	117	116
N. Y. Central	122¾	121¾	Mich. Southern	77¾	77
Erie	27	26¾	Mich. Guaranty	116¾	116
Erie Preferred	46¾	46	Illinois Central	110¾	109¾
Hudson	123¾	122	Pittsburgh	93¾	93¾
Reading	110	110¾	Fort Wayne	73¾	72¾
Pacific Mail s.s.	194	194	Rock Island	100¼	100
Harlem	126¾	126	Northwest	25¾	25
Canton	32	32	Galena	104¾	103¾
Cumberland	28¾	28¾	Reading	110¾	109¾

The sales of 5-20 years Stock of the United States Loan by conversion of United States Notes amount to $1,222,550, of which $1,061,000 was received through the Loan Agencies, and $161,550 by subscription direct at the Treasury office.

The Export movement of Specie this week, Gold and Mexican Silver, amounts to only $412,000.

Mr. E. C. Benedict, of the Stock firm of Benedict & Co., was yesterday admitted to membership at the Board of the Stock Exchange.

The following bids were made to-day for the City Bank shares:

Merchants'	101	American Exchange	105
Mechanics'	115	Chatham	96
Union	110	Bank of the Republic	109
Manufacturers	120	Bank of N. America	107
City	121	Hanover	95
North River	102	Irving	91
Tradesmen's	96	Metropolitan	110
Dry Dock	110	Broadway	100
Butchers' & Drovers'	128	Nassau	90
Mechanics'	102	Continental	98
Seventh Ward	128	Commonwealth	96
State of New-York	102	Importers & Traders'	107½
Commerce	110	Leather Manufacturers	110
Broadway	120	Mechanics'	140
Ocean	97	New-York Ex.	110

And the following bids were made for Railroad Stocks:

N. Y. Gen. 6s	102	Chi. & N. W. F. 6	102
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '83	106¼	Chi. & N. W. Sec. 6s	92
N. Y. Cent. con. 7s	126	C. & N. W. Int'nl. 7s	87
Erie 1st mtge. '81	112	Chi. & N. W. 2d m.	85
Erie 2d mtge. '85	107	Illinois 6s, 1st, '53	98
N. Y. & E. Ists, '77	106¾	Ohio & Ill. Sc. Ists	90
N. Y. & E. Scrs '97	116¾	Tol. & Wab. Scrs	101
N. Y. & E. thirds '78	122	Tol. & Wab. 2ds	93
N. Y. conv. '67	120	M. & P. du C. 1sts	100
N. Y. Mid. 7s, '77	110	M. & P. du C. sc.	110
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '72	110	M. & P. du C. 2d	31
N. Y. & Har. 7s, '66	123	Chi. & R. Island 1sts	113
N. Y. & H. 6s, '77	120	Clev. & Tol. S. F.	111¾
N. Y. & H. 6s, '92	122	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 1sts	107
N. Y. & H. 6s, '87	122	Pitts., Ft. W. & Chi. 2ds	107
N. Y. & New Haven	170	Pitts., Ft. W. & Chi. s.f.	97
N. Y. & N. Hvd. s.f.	108¾	Clev. & Pitts. 3ds	103
Hudson Central, '78	120	Clev. & Pitts. deb.	97
Alb. & H. 2ds, prefer'd	93	Mich. & Mo. Ld. G. B.	67
Alb. & T. H. 2ds, in	46		

The earnings of the Chicago and Alton Railroad for the week ending May 31 were:

	1863.	1862.
Passengers	$11,557 11	$9,003 94
Freight	21,226 29	20,676 04
Express	274 23	247 32
Total	$34,057 74	$30,026 31
Increase in 1863		$4,031 43

The receipts of the Illinois Central Railroad for May, 1863, were as follows:

Acres interest time lands sold	20,337.40	for $[illegible]
Acres free land sold	1,493.84	for 28,422 41
Total sales in May, 1863	20,831.24	for $[illegible]
To which add town lot sales		1,250 00
Total of all		$228,330 66
Acres sold since Jan. 1, 1863	34,139.22	for $[illegible]
Sold previously (net sales)	1,126,326.50	for 16,139,473 00
Total	1,160,465.72	$16,604,663 66
Construction bonds cancelled previous to May 31		$2,400,000 00
Cash collected in May		118,024 34

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.

Receipts from passengers	$105,883 02
Receipts from freight	194,913 55
Receipts from mails	4,356 23
Receipts from rent of road	4,000 00
Receipts from other sources	6,600 00
Total receipts in month of May, 1863	$314,152 81
Total receipts in month of May, 1862	286,345 78

The earnings of the Michigan Central Railroad for the month of May were:

1862	$186,039 00
1863	236,456 00
Increase	$50,417 00
The first half of the fiscal year gives	$1,457,942
Same time last year	1,103,507
Increase	$354,359

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer was as follows: Receipts $2,764,613 99, including $95,000 for Customs; payments, $3,412,589 90; balance, $21,899,382 37.

LAW REPORTS.

The Forthcoming Cases.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

The United States vs. John M. Griffin.—Thomas Lees, who was at first indicted jointly with Griffin, was this morning called as a witness, and testified that he was born in Cork, and was once the steward of the Betsey Williams; joined him in New-York, in July, 1861; she had seven men before the mast; we went to Havana and discharged cargo; staid there over a month; Capt. Coffin was taken sick on board, and went ashore and died seven or eight days after; the first mate was discharged by Coffin before he went ashore, and Griffen was made the chief officer instead of second; Capt. Hood was then appointed master and took charge; we sailed from Havana about a week after Capt. Coffin died, and went to Remedios; Capt. Hood was taken sick on the voyage, and when we got to Remedios he went ashore and I never saw him after; when he went ashore I and Griffen were standing on the deck, and Griffen said, "There are two captains gone the road they will never return;" afterwards he said, "There—d fool had no business to come on the ship—it belonged to him, (Griffen,) and he had no business to come after the berth;" while the vessel lay at anchor, a brig, on her way home, passed, and her captain told us Capt. Hood was dead; Griffen said that was the very thing he wanted, and that it was a—d good job; soon after he ordered the boat to be lowered, and said he was going ashore to see the Consul about being captain of the vessel; he did not come back for two or three days; he said the Consul had put him in prison, and had written to the Consul-General at Havana for two or three men and a master; he said it made no matter how many captains came there, that everybody on board must do as he told them; for he was master; then cargo was coming on board, and continued so; Griffen acted as master till Capt. Bunce came, which was fourteen or fifteen days after Hood left; before he came, I heard Griffen say at different times that, if he had the last of the cargo in, he should take the ship away; when Capt. Bunce came I was standing close to the rail, and Griffin by the companion way, he came in a boat; he was dressed in navy uniform; before he reached the ship, Griffin said, "Here comes another d—d navy man!" Griffin said he might take the ship and be d—d; he did not want anything more to do with her; he called me to one side, and asked me was I going to work for that captain; I told him I would work under any captain the Consul put aboard; that if Capt. Bunce was going to have navy rules, I did not know anything about that; Griffen told me to speak to the crew, and get them not to work; not to turn to under Capt. Bunce; I told him I had nothing to do with the crew; when Capt. Bunce came aboard, he handed Griffen his papers; Griffen said he had had one of them before, and knew all about it; Bunce said Consul Stone had sent him to take charge of the vessel; Griffin told him he might, and he would show him all there was in her, and give him an account of the cargo; he meant to do no more work in her; Capt. Bunce spoke to him very kindly; said he was ordered there by the Admiral; that Griffin ought to go to work; it was near home, and he might get the vessel when he got home; Griffen said if he was fit to be mate, he was fit to be master, and he did not know why he was so unjustly dealt with by the Consul; Capt. Bunce said if he was in the merchant service he would take his trunk and go ashore before there should be any dispute about who should be master, but he had to obey orders, and had to come there; after dinner Capt. Bunce spoke to him again very kindly; told him he had better go to work and have no trouble; I went down in the pantry, and Griffin came down and asked me what he'd better do; I told him I thought it was best for him to go to work; that if he did not the captain would send him ashore under guard, and he would come home a prisoner; he said he thought it might be best; said he, "He will not be here many days;" Capt. Bunce came down and asked Griffen what he thought of it; Griffen said he better go to work—it was no use making any bother; Capt. Bunce was taken sick three or four days after he came aboard, and went ashore about three days after; the day before he was taken sick, I was sick; I told Griffin; he said, "I had been drinking;" I told him I had drank nothing but some wine; he said the wine was not fit to drink, that I did not see him drink it; the wine belonged to Capt. Bunce, and stood in a demijohn on the transom in the cabin; it appeared to me to be claret; there was a demijohn came also the day before Capt. Bunce was taken sick, and was put where the other was, that having been drunk up; the captain drank out of them at meal times and sometimes in the day a little; I never saw Griffen drink out of either demijohn; I have seen him refuse wine that the Captain offered him; he was very fond of drink; I used to see him drink claret that came from the lighter; no one else was sick when I was; the captain, the cooper and I drank of this wine; there were glasses kept in the cabin; I saw Griffin several times take glasses and a pitcher of water into his room; the day Capt. Bunce was taken sick I was in the pantry making bread, and the mate came down and took the pitcher and glasses, and went into his room; I came out of the pantry, and stood behind him, and saw him take a bottle of blue vitriol from his desk, and hold it over a china cup and strike the bottom of it; then he poured some water into the cup, and threw some of the contents of the cup; he got a piece of rag and dipped it in this, and rubbed the inside of the tumblers with it; I asked him what he was doing; he said they were greasy, and he was taking the grease off; I told him soap and water was good enough to clean glasses; he put the pitcher in its place, the vitriol bottle in his berth, and the cup on a shelf, and went on deck; I also saw him take the pitcher and glasses into his room before that, that same morning, and may there five or six minutes; I saw him come out with the same china cup; he went between decks, and threw something out of the rinsed the cup; I saw him wash the glasses the day before; I thought he had some rum, and that is why I watched him; the day after Bunce was taken sick, he was lying on the deck, and Griffin tried to lie alongside of him; he appeared to have some liquor in him; he said, "What in h—l brought you here? Don't you know I am captain of this vessel?" Bunce said he might take the ship—only let him alone; after Capt. Bunce went ashore, Griffin said to me, "You will never see Capt. Bunce again;" Griffen acted as captain, till Capt. Williams came aboard; he told me to clear out the bottom of the medicine chest, as there was limeed in it, and the things were all pulled about; I did so; I asked him what became of the bottle of blue vitriol out of the medicine chest; he said he did not know; I told him yes, I knew; I saw him use it; he asked me did I know what he used it for; I said no, and he said it was to get rid of that d—d rubber; I had missed a bottle from the medicine chest; some days before Bunce came aboard; it was a small bottle, labelled: "Blue Vitriol;" it was the bottle he had when he was rubbing the glasses; I saw a bottle like it the day after Captain Williams came aboard, in Capt. Hood's chest or trunk, where his books were; the mate averred it threw overboard; I gave the bottle to Geo. Martin; we first heard of Capt. Bunce's death from Mr. Cummings, a clerk of the consignees; he came aboard after the Captain's clothes; Griffen had put me in irons before that morning; but I was let out before Cummings came over the side; he told me to go to work, and have nothing to say, and make no noise; I did so; Cummings staid aboard an hour or so; Cummings came aboard again; and I was lying on the foot chest; I was a little drunk; I heard Griffen tell Cummings that as soon as he had everything in he would take the ship home; I saw the calls all nailed by Griffen's order; Cummings asked why it was; Griffin told him he was going to have some fun; Cummings said, we thought you were going to take the ship away; Griffen said he soon would take her away; I did not hear the rest of the conversation; everything was got ready for sea by Griffen's orders; the old not go to sea because the crew would not agree to it; after Cummings went ashore Griffen went forward; I heard him say that the first son of a b—h, he would not put the anchor up, he would cut it off short out; I told him I would have nothing to do with it; I heard the word given to get the anchor up, but it was not obeyed; Griffen ordered that the men should have as much rum as they wanted from the cargo, and they had it; after Capt. Bruce went ashore I fell and hurt myself, and Griffin advised me to go ashore; I went and came back; he asked me why I did not stay; I said because I wanted to go home; he asked about the captain; I said Cummings said he would die, and he said "served him right;" he cautioned me to be careful of what I said; he called me to him; I asked him what he wanted; he said he wanted to give me some good advice; I asked him what, and he said not to have anything to say about what I saw in the ship; if they ever got hold of me they would fly me as high as a kite; I asked him for what? he said he had his own reasons for it—that he knew more of it than what I did; I told him I should tell the truth wherever I went to; after Capt. Williams took possession, Griffen told me to go ashore; the Consul had sent for us; I said, what about? he said, "nothing about the steamship!" he said, "you can better be careful of what you say, and not be seen talking to me;" there was an investigation before the Consul, and Griffen was arrested; I was at liberty four or five days, and was then confined as a witness and sent on here.

Being cross-examined, he said: I told the Consul about missing the blue vitriol; I never mentioned to Capt. Bruce about rubbing the glasses with it; I saw Griffen refuse to take the wine when offered him, four or five times; I had no suspicion of poison when he broke the glasses; I never told about the glasses till I came to New-York; I was told by the District Attorney, here, that if I told the truth I would be tried, and very probably acquitted; I did use a knife for my own protection on board; a man followed me into the cabin with a knife, and I protected myself; I never said to Brown that I would poison sauerkraut; I had Capt. Hood's watch in my possession; I was ordered by him to take possession of his things if any thing happened, and bring them to New-York; I took his watch and put it in my berth; it was taken away from me at night; I told Capt. Bunce I had something for him, but he told me not to be seen talking with him, as the mate would be angry; I told Capt. Williams about it after it was taken from me.

Bernard Thelen, another of the crew, testified that Griffen told him every captain that came aboard was going to die; he asked me if I would go with him if he was captain; I knew he would not be captain; when they told us Capt. Hood was dead, Griffin said "That is just what I wanted;" after Capt. Bunce died, I heard him say, that after the cargo was aboard he would run away with the vessel; I was sick on board after drinking some wine in the cabin; I heard there was poison in the wine; I got some in a bottle and took it to Boston.

Cross-examined—I gave it to the United States District-Attorney; I found it in Lees' berth at Havana; I heard Lees say he got no sleep after Coffin's death.

Edward Griffin told me to take half the money; I acknowledged it to Capt. Hood; I gave the money that I stored it with Griffin; he took it receipt from me, so that I should come out of pay again.

William Brown, another of the crew, testified to hearing Griffen say, when they heard that Hood was dead, that he had no business aboard while he (Griffen) was there, and heard him tell Toucinerre, another of the crew, that it was of no use to send Captains aboard while he was there; that Coffin had threatened to help get up anchor; and that he refused; and that when Capt. Williams came aboard, he noticed that some of the tumblers looked blue, yellow and green; witness washed them four times before they came to their true color.

Peter Tuchmeyr, another of the crew, corroborated the last witness; witness said to Griffen that it was a pity that in twenty days two young Captains had died; Griffen was angry and said he would pay him in Boston, and that it was none of his business.

No testimony was called for the defence, except one of the witnesses for the Government, as to what testimony he had given in Boston, and whether Lees heard it.

Mr. Howe summed up for the defence, claiming that it was not proved that Bunce died of poison, but if he did, Lees was the guilty man.

The District-Attorney, E. D. Smith, summed up for the Government. Judge Shipman charged the jury as follows:

Gentlemen of the Jury: The prisoner at the bar stands indicted for the murder of Capt. Israel S. Bunce, who died at Remedios, in the Island of Cuba, last Autumn. It is alleged that his death was caused by poison, administered to him by the defendant, with the felonious intent to take his life. The poison is charged to have been given the deceased while he was on board, and in command of the bark *Betsey Williams*, an American vessel, while she was on the high seas, or in an arm of the sea, within the admiralty jurisdiction of this Court.

The fact that this bark was an American vessel is not controverted, and the proof is clear on that point.

That she was lying at a place within the jurisdiction of this Court at the time the offence was committed is equally clear of the proof.

The death of Capt. Bunce has been placed by the evidence beyond all question.

There are two principal questions which will engage your attention:

1. Did he die of poison?

2. Was the poison administered to him by the defendant on board the vessel in question, with the felonious intent charged?

It appears from the undisputed evidence in the case that the *Betsey Williams* sailed from this port in July for Havana, in charge of Capt. Coffin, then her master. On her voyage she there took on board her cargo, and took in ballast. While lying at this port Capt. Coffin died. Capt. Hood, who was transferred from the *Enos Nye*, then in port, was made captain of the *Betsey Williams*, and took her to a place called Key Frances, a few miles from Remedios. On the passage from Havana to Key Frances, Capt. Hood was taken sick, and the day after her arrival, left her in a lighter, and went up to Remedios, where in a few days he died. After his death some time intervened, when Capt. Israel S. Bunce was transferred from the United States naval service, and took charge of the *Betsey Williams*, to take her home to Boston.

Several days after he came on board the *Betsey Williams* he was taken sick, and continued sick two or three days, when he went on shore at Cabrien, and from there went to Remedios, about seven miles distant, where he lingered three or four days longer and died. Thus far there is no controversy. There is no evidence tending to show that he was unwell when he went on board, but it is quite clear that he was taken ill within a few days after, which illness continued till his death.

We come now to the consideration of the two questions which I have already referred to, the responsibility of determining which belongs to the jury:

1. Did Capt. Bunce die from the effects of poison?

The evidence on this point is confined substantially to that offered by the Government. It appears that soon after the death of Capt. Bunce, the United States Consul at Remedios, for other purposes than to suspected that there had been some foul play with him; and the defendant and others connected with the bark were arrested and sent home either as criminals or witnesses. The precaution was taken, too, to send home the stomach, intestines, liver, and some other of the internal organs, of the deceased, as there were no adequate means there of ascertaining whether they contained poison or not.

Dr. Henry Hiland, Assistant-Surgeon on board the United States steamer *Sonoma*, then at Cuba, has stated to you that he opened the body of Capt. Bunce, and took out the organs referred to, put them in a glass jar, and that they were carefully sealed with the seal of the Consulate at Remedios, and by Dr. Hiland taken to Cuba, and delivered in Capt. Adams, of the steamer *Eagle*. By the latter they appear to have been brought to New-York, and from here taken to Boston by a United States officer, and there delivered to the authorities. They then passed into the hands of Dr. Charles T. Jackson, a well-known chemist, who has been before you, and made a full explanation of the thorough experiments which he made upon the remains submitted to him. The witness then stated the manner in which the body at Remedios by Dr. Hiland, to the close of the experiments by Dr. Jackson at Boston, seem to have been attended with great care and intelligence; and although the evidence is for you to pass upon, I think you will have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that the remains which Dr. Jackson experimented upon were those of Capt. Bunce, and that they passed into the hands of Dr. Jackson in the same condition in which they were when taken from the body of the deceased.

Dr. Jackson has stated to you all the details of his experiments and their results. He states distinctly and fully that he found copper in the organs—and that he detected it in every experiment that he made—that he obtained from these remains nearly two grains of *sulphate of copper*. He has also stated to you the well-known fact that this mineral is poisonous, and will produce death.

The Government also claims to have proved that Capt. Bunce died from none of the diseases of the climate, nor from any of the ordinary or well-known causes of death to which human life is subject; and insists that the result of Dr. Jackson's experiments, and the symptoms of the deceased, taken in connection with the evidence before you of the use made of sulphate of copper on board the *Betsey Williams* while Capt. Bunce was there, prove beyond a doubt that in some way he there took into his system a considerable quantity of this poison, of which he died. Of the conclusiveness of the evidence on this point you need not doubt. Murder by poison would rarely be susceptible of such simple and direct proof. But the Government claims to have produced a chain of circumstances, which, when taken in connection with the acts and declarations of the defendant, shows beyond a reasonable doubt that the poison was conveyed to the stomach of the deceased through instrumentality designed and prepared by the defendant.

It is upon the weight of this evidence you must rest; and I need hardly say to you that circumstantial evidence may be as cogent and as conclusive as positive statements of witnesses—because we all know that certain facts being proved, certain conclusions naturally and almost or quite irresistibly follow.

Neither the law nor good sense makes any distinction between positive or direct and circumstantial evidence. The question under each class of evidence is simply whether the fact sought to be established is proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

We will now advert briefly to some of the evidence offered by the Government in support of the charge against this defendant.

It is insisted that the defendant showed a remarkable eagerness and determination to become master of the *Betsey Williams*. He went out from New-York as second mate, and at Havana the first mate was discharged, and the defendant made first mate, and continued so until his arrest at Remedios, being temporarily in command of the vessel, during the time which elapsed between the death of Capt. Coffin and the appointment of Capt. Hood, and between the death of Capt. Hood and the appointment of Capt. Bunce. It is claimed that his eager wish was to obtain the post of captain that he exhibited indecent exultation at the death of Capt. Hood, when it was first announced to him. The evidence on this point was offered and admitted to prove a motive on the part of the defendant, and not to prove that he was guilty of causing the death of Capt. Coffin or Hood.

Connected with this evidence, it is also insisted that declarations of the defendant have been proved, showing on his part a determination that no one but himself should be permitted to have command of the vessel and bring her home.

Several witnesses have testified that several days after Capt. Hood left the vessel at Key Frances, and went to Remedios sick, a brig passed the *Betsey Williams* which was lying at anchor, and some she was to receive her cargo; and that the captain of the brig hailed the *Betsey Williams*, and stated that Capt. Hood was dead; and that the defendant remarked that it was just what he wanted. Marinari, Thelen and Toucinerre, the Frenchmen, all say that the defendant made substantially this remark, although they differ in the form of expression.

Lees, the cook and steward, also swore substantially to the same thing.

Other declarations of the defendant are sworn to by some of the witnesses, which, it is claimed, amount to threats against the life of any captain who should come on board. Thelen says that defendant told him, the day after Capt. Coffin's death, that any captain that came on board was going to die.

It is also claimed that the proof is that when the defendant took a boat and went on shore, after the death of Capt. Hood, he used even stronger expressions, indicating a determination on his part that no other captain but himself should live on board while he was there. The jury will remember the evidence on this point.

The testimony of Lees is fuller than the other witnesses, and covers some points not within their knowledge. He was the cook and steward, and therefore had access to the cabin, and better means of knowing what took place there.

Lees testifies, as you will remember, that when Capt. Hood left the ship, the defendant remarked that two captains had gone the road they would never return, and that the ship belonged to the defendant, and that Hood had no business to come, after the death of captain. He confirms the testimony of the other witnesses, and is confirmed by them, as to the remark that they judge fortunately said—when the captain of the brig announced the death of Capt. Hood.

Lees also says that after defendant had been ashore subsequently to the death of Capt. Hood, the defendant told him he would be master of the vessel. In another of his conversations with Lees, he also says that when Capt. Bunce came on board, the defendant exhibited a good deal of feeling, and declared he would do no more duty, but finally consented to, after Capt. Bunce had endeavored to soothe his feelings, and that defendant told witnesses that Capt. Bunce would not be there many days.

Lees further states that when Capt. Bunce left the ship sick, the defendant, within a quarter of an hour after, remarked to him, referring to Capt. B.: "You will never see that fellow any more."

The jury will remember all the evidence on these points and carefully consider it. I may not enumerate every particular.

We now come to the singular confession of the defendant with the particular poison, which, it is claimed, caused the death of Capt. Bunce. This was blue vitriol, the common name for sulphate of copper.

Dr. Hiland, who represented the medical chief of the ship, before she sailed from this port, testified that there was a large supply of blue vitriol on the chest, and that it is an article usually placed among the medicines of the vessel, as it is used in a certain class of diseases to which sailors are liable. It is not claimed that the defendant had anything to do with putting it on board.

Lees says that after Capt. Bunce came on board, the defendant several times took the tumblers from the stand in the cabin, and a pitcher of water, and took them into his berth, and after remaining some time, returned them. That once he followed him, and stood behind him, saw him take a vial of blue vitriol, and, putting some in water, rub the inside of the tumblers with a rag, stopped in the solution.

Lees has minutely detailed this altered proceeding of the defendant, and you will remember the particulars. He says that he asked the defendant at the time what he was doing, and the latter replied he was taking the grease off the tumblers. He says he saw the defendant, at another time, when he had put glasses and pitcher in the state-room, and returned them to the stand in the cabin, take the china cup, and throw some fluid into the between-decks, and then rinse the cup. There are other statements of Lees as to the conduct of the defendant, which are claimed to evince his guilty purpose, but which the jury will recall without my detailing them here.

After the application of the glasses of this solution, Lees says Capt. Bunce was taken sick. Lees also says that the vial of vitriol, after the last Captain, Williams, was brought to the vessel home, came on board. He says he discovered it in Capt. Hood's trunk, and that it was partly gone, and that he gave it to Marinari. Marinari confirms this statement, and says that he threw it overboard.

Lees further states that after the death of Capt. Bunce, he asked defendant what had become of the bottle of blue vitriol out of the medicine chest, and that the defendant replied, asking if he did not know. Then he replied "No," when defendant said he used it to get rid of that d—d rubber.

Lees also testifies that after Capt. Bunce's death the defendant stated to him that he had better not say anything about the transaction which had taken place on board. It is claimed that these alleged declarations of the defendant show conscious guilt, and a desire of concealment.

You have also heard, gentlemen, what has been said by the witnesses about the wine drunk by the Captain, some of which was drunk by others, and the effect upon them of the wine.

From all this evidence it is insisted that Capt. Bunce took the poison into his system by drinking the wine which was poisoned in the demijohn; or, at all events, the water or wine which had been poisoned by coming in contact with the tumblers from which it was drank, and which it is stated that the defendant rubbed with blue vitriol or sulphate of copper.

A question of law has been raised in this part of the case by the defendant's counsel, based on the assumption that Lees, one of the principal witnesses, is an accomplice in the crime charged upon the defendant. It is claimed that a conviction is never warranted upon the unaided testimony of an accomplice—one who has participated in the commission of the offence. It is undoubtedly true that it is not safe for a jury to convict upon the uncorroborated testimony of an accomplice. They have a right to do so, but Courts always advise against such a course.

But before this principle can have any application in a given case, the question is presented whether a witness whose testimony is in question is an accomplice. Usually, the question, whether the witness is an accomplice, is clear, from the admission of the witness himself, and he often comes on to the stand with his confession in his mouth. This is not the case before us. Lees has been indicted, but no evidence was presented against him, and he was acquitted. He demanded this as a right, and he was entitled to it in the eye of the law.

Now it is for the jury to consider the testimony of Lees and determine its credibility and weight, as it appears before them in this case, and to pass upon it in connection with all the other evidence. They will not only look to see how far he is corroborated, as you would in case of any other witness in so grave a case, but you will inquire what motive he could have in taking the life of Capt. Bunce—what trace of evidence there is that he desired his death, or entertained any hostility to him. A man is not to be assumed to be an accomplice in crime without some admission or proof of the fact. I repeat, Lees' testimony is to be weighed, and his credibility to be determined by you, as it appears in the case.

If he were an accomplice, it is insisted that there is abundant corroboration of his testimony, on material points, by other witnesses. I leave his testimony therefore with the jury, and upon them rests the responsibility of determining what weight it deserves. If he was an accomplice, and is corroborated in material points, then the jury would be justified in a verdict of guilty if they were satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt on a review of the whole evidence, that the defendant is guilty.

It is claimed by the defendant that the evidence does not prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, while the prosecution insists that the evidence is full and complete, and leaves no reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty. Of course the jury understand the elementary principle that the defendant is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty, and that this proof should satisfy the jury of the fact of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. By this is not meant every possible doubt or every fanciful speculation may suggest, but a rational doubt, arising out of the incompleteness of the evidence, and one which arrests the minds of the trier, short of a firm and settled conviction.

If you find that the fact of the guilt of the defendant *is not proven beyond a reasonable doubt, it will be your duty to acquit him.* If, on the other hand, you are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that he is *guilty, your duty will be to convict him. Your duty* is a responsible one, but I have no doubt you will perform it conscientiously and firmly.

The case was given to the jury about one o'clock.

Decisions.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Before Justice Sutherland.

Buck v. Cole.—Motion granted, with $10 costs, to abide the event of the action; not to prosecute for the arrest.

Pack v. Ferris.—Report confirmed and order granted.

Frey v. Lasse.—Motion to vacate order of arrest denied, with $10 costs, to abide the event of the action.

Before Justice Leonard.

In the matter of the Estate of Young, &c.—Memorandum for counsel.

In the Matter of the Habeas Corpus of James Welsh, an Infant.—Recruit discharged on surrendering his clothes in his possession, belonging to the Government. (See Op. sion.)

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Justice Monell.

Bartlett vs. Gordon.—The motion to continue the injunction and for the appointment of a receiver must be denied, and the order to show cause discharged, with $10 costs to defendant, to abide the event.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge Hilton.

Marshall vs. Marshall.—Report confirmed and divorce granted.

Goodwin vs. Van Rauvt.—Case settled, and papers with Clerk at Chambers.

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Corner of Waverly-place, near New-York Hotel.

MOURNING GOODS.

W. JACKSON, No. 501 BROADWAY,

Respectfully calls the attention of families, requiring mourning goods, to his large and desirable stock of MOURNING DRESS GOODS, consisting of BOMBAZINES, SILKS, DELAINES, ALPACAS, LAWNS, ORGANDIES, GRENADINES, HERNANIES, FLORENTINES, &c., &c.; also, BONNETS, MANTILLAS, VEILS, EMBROIDERIES, &c.

N. B.—We are continually receiving fresh novelties from Europe, and GREAT BARGAINS FROM AUCTION. Call and examine. Observe

JACKSON'S MOURNING STORE,

No. 537 Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.

GLOVES, GLOVES, GLOVES—REDUCED IN PRICE.—Black and white at 75c.; plain colors reduced to 75c.; worked backs reduced to 87½c.; 8-button Kid, black and colored embroidered backs, 90c.; children's kid gloves, all sizes, 50c. Also, a large assortment of ladies' and misses' silk and thread gloves, lace mits, &c. Ladies' calf and buckskin riding gloves, all sizes. N. B.—All the hosiery and underwear reduced in price. at BLOGG'S, Nos. 505 and 507 Broadway, near 124th-st., east side.

CORSETS AND SKIRTS.—MRS. ELGER has the largest and cheapest stock in the City, purchased before the great advance, which she is selling off for the regular prices. Skirts of the best quality and newest shapes, from 62 cents. Skirts made to order of every style. Also, a large assortment of traveling dresses, silks, alpacas, linens, traveling skirts, robes, suits, &c. Mrs. E. E. Edgington, from Paris, respectfully invites her lady customers to call. Also, a large and elegant or new style dress trimmings, velvets, braids, buttons, bugle trimming, &c. No. 86 Broadway, near 19th-st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

AT NO. 13 BOND-ST., SEVEN DOORS from Broadway, furnished rooms to let to gentlemen only. House occupied by young men and widow or children. Handsomely furnished rooms and suites will be rented to those desiring fine apartments, and are willing to pay for the same.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRANSIENT Families and single gentlemen, at No. 48 Clinton-place, corner University-place; $1 50 per day.

CHARLES LEFLER, Proprietor.

A FURNISHED ROOM TO LET TO A gentleman, on the 2d floor, with partial board if required. Reference given and required. No. 8 East 21st-st.

COUNTRY BOARD.

COUNTRY BOARD WANTED—IN THE VICINITY of Orange or of Elizabeth City, within an hour of Wall-st., for a gentleman, wife, and child, boy and servant. Must have two large airy rooms that connect. The house must be well shaded, in a pleasant location, and where there are no other boarders. The fare must be first-rate and plenty. For such accommodations a liberal price will be paid. Address Box No. 4,131 Post-office, New-York.

COUNTRY BOARD.—FROM FOUR TO SIX weeks, at Fairfield, Conn., for a gentleman, wife and family, where there are no others. Must be healthy, quiet, and easy of access. Address, stating terms, &c., Box No. 1,000 Post-office, New-York.

FOR SALE—NEAR LITTLE NECK BAY, NORTH side of L. I., a neat farm, 7 rooms, 7 acres, highly tilled, fenced, fine orchard, plenty of fruit, first-class out-houses, splendid grazing, fishing, clams, oysters, good roads, only 8 minutes' from Flushing Village and an hour from Wall-st., and directly on line of proposed New-York and Flushing Railroad. Inquire of J. Conover, Brooklyn.

COUNTRY BOARD—WANTED WITHIN 40 miles of New-York for two gentlemen and their wives, for a few days, in a healthy, quiet place, where they can have a good mountain air. Such a location in Dutchess or Westchester County would be preferred. Address, stating terms and full particulars, Box No. 3,066 New-York.

COUNTRY BOARD.—A LIMITED NUMBER of first-class families will be taken for ten weeks, at one of the best seaside and well-furnished houses on the Long Island; pure air; good drives, and delightful bathing. For particulars and terms, apply to BAKER & GODWIN, over the Tribune Office, and G. S. WOODMAN, No. 408 Broadway.

COUNTRY BOARD WANTED—BY A FAMILY of four, five to ten miles, at about an hour's distance from the City. The place must be well shaded, with favorable views. Address, stating terms, Box No. 1,476 New-York Post-office.

COUNTRY BOARD AT BRIDGEPORT, Conn., 2 minutes' walk from the New-York and New-Haven Railroad depot. Location retired and healthy. Inquire of H. FOWLER, No. 42 Walker-st., New-York.

BOARD WANTED—IN THE COUNTRY, FOR a family. A location on the Hudson River, of easy access to the City, preferred; or would hire a furnished cottage. Address Box No. 2,046 Post-office.

BUILDING MATERIALS, &c.

I. PARK ROOFS COVERED WITH RUBBER Felt, 1 to 1½ cts. a foot, according to condition, and warranted. 302 Grand-st., 37 Park-row, 135 Bowery, 315 4th-av., 263 6th-av., 43 6th-av., 11 South 7th-st., Williamsburgh, and cor. of Oxford-st. and Fulton-av., Brooklyn.

MARBLE MANTELS—OF EVERY QUALITY, same as low as $75, can now be bought cheaper of A. HARER, No. 169 East 76th-st., near 1st-av., than at any other place in New-York. Cut this out.

STEAM HEATER FOR SALE—ONE OF Gold's low pressure steam heaters, with boiler, radiators and pipes, as it is in use at the Bowery Savings' Bank. Apply at No. 822 Water-st., to CHARLES J. SHEPARD.

AUCTION SALES.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF VALUABLE GEORGE'S CREEK COAL, IN THE VALLEY OF GEORGE'S CREEK, MARYLAND.

By virtue of a decree in the Circuit Court, for Allegany County, we, the undersigned, trustees, will sell, at public auction, on WEDNESDAY, June 17, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange salesroom, No. 192 Liberty-st., New-York:

The handsome and commodious Gothic stone mansion house, with beautiful lawn of grounds, beautifully located, commanding one of the finest views of the Hudson River. It is known as the Moorings, being the late residence of John G. Coker, and formerly the residence of the late Commodore Perry, and adjoins the country seat of W. H. Aspinwall, Esq. The house is built in Gothic style, two stories and tower, with spacious cellars; it contains sixteen rooms, has water on first and second floors, bath-rooms, dumb waiter, &c.; water-closets and pipes for gas, and other modern conveniences; suitable stables, plants, greenhouse, new Gothic lodge. The roads are macadamized and in good order. The grounds are beautifully located and handsomely laid out, with fine lawns. The garden is large and well stocked with fruit and vegetables, fine old forest trees. There is a water front of 1,000 feet, with dock. The property will be sold in one parcel or divided as follows:

First, The mansion, barns and out-houses, with the "dock" and about 15 acres.

Second, a beautiful tract of about 11 acres, adjoining and fronting the river, with a fine orchard.

Third, the meadow land lying on the Highland Turnpike, containing 20 acres, including the handsome lodge and lawns. The right of way to be open in common.

For further particulars, apply to CHARLES W. ROBINSON, at SILAS M. MARTIN & SMITH, Auctioneers, No. 35 Nassau-st., New-York, or at the Auctioneers' office, No. 3 Pine-st. Title perfect and free from incumbrance.

GREAT SALE OF LOTS AND CONTRACTS IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO, AT AUCTION—June 11, 1868.—The articles of Association of the CHICAGO LAND COMPANY require that the trust shall be closed, in the month of June, next, and that all the property and effects on hand at that time, belonging to the Association, shall be sold at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, in the City of Chicago, on the third WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of June, 1868.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Chicago Land Company, will, therefore, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of June, 1868, offer for sale on the premises, in the City of Chicago:

149 lots in Sheffield's addition to Chicago.

102 lots in Elston addition, west side of North Branch.

242 lots in Elston addition, east side of North Branch.

67 lots in Wright's addition, west side of North Branch.

Blocks in original town Chicago.

Also, mortgages, amply secured, amounting in about eleven thousand five hundred dollars.

Fifty-four contracts, covering 68 lots, on which there are owing an aggregate of about $100,000.

Of these lots 4,722 feet front on a spacious canal of 160 feet wide, now being excavated through the property.

And 4,800 feet front on the North Branch of the Chicago River.

The sale will be continued from day to day until all the property and effects of the Company are sold.

MAHLON D. OGDEN, Trustee.

Chicago, March 16, 1868.

E. H. LUDLOW, Auctioneer.

PARTITION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY ON WALL, PINE, 14TH AND 23D STS.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange Salesroom, No. 192 Liberty-st., near Broadway, by order of the Supreme Court, under the direction of John B. Haskin, Referee—

WALL-ST.—The lot of ground, with the buildings and improvements thereon, now known as No. 52 Wall-st., being 24 feet 3 1-4 inches front and about 75 feet deep.

PINE-ST.—Two valuable store lots and on the north side of Pine-st., between Front and Water sts., being 8 inches front and rear, by 90 feet and 85.6 deep.

14TH-ST.—The four three-story basement brick houses and lots Nos. 204, 206, 208 and 200 West 14th-st., near 7th-ave. Lots each 25 by 103.11½.

Also, the two lots on the south side of West 14th-st., 25 feet east of 10th-av., known as Nos. 310 and 312, each 25 by 103.11½.

23D-ST.—The lots, with the two-story brick stables thereon, Nos. 24 and 26 East 23d-st., between Lexington and 3d avenues. Lots each 16 by 98.9.

Sales peremptory.

Maps of the property may be had at the office of the Auctioneers, No. 3 Pine-st.

EDWARD SUTTERLEY, Auctioneer.

CHOICE COLLECTION OF ANCIENT PAINTINGS.—By D. W. IVES & CO., on THURSDAY EVENING, June 11, at 7½ o'clock, at the Derby Gallery, No. 626 Broadway, a choice collection of ancient Paintings, the property of a French gentleman, just return to Europe. This collection has been made at great expense by its possessor, and contains veritable examples by the artists named, the entire number of paintings being all the property of one owner:

Murillo, Ribera, Guercino, Guido, Velasquez, Berghem, Lingelbach, Cuyp, Wouvermans, Ruisdael, Teniers, Ostade, Metsu, Van Mieris, Van Tol, Van Marcke, Paolo Veronese, Reynolds, Kaufman, Ludovico Carracci, Brueghel, Van Huysum, and others.

Also, genuine ancient and modern Bronzes, Ivory. On exhibition one week before sale, day and evening, with catalogues ready.

E. H. LUDLOW, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE POSTPONED.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO. give notice that the Executors' sale of the valuable property in the town of Westfield, belonging to the estate of Abraham Valentine, deceased, is postponed to WEDNESDAY, June 10, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange Salesroom, No. 192 Liberty-st., New-York. This property is situated upon an elevated, healthy and beautiful ridge of land, overlooking the valley of the Harlem River, one and a half miles from the Harlem Railroad depot at Williams' Bridge, in a choice section of the town of Westchester. Westfield is partially laid out, and is about the City, and being divided into lots of five to twenty-two acres each, with good building sites, is well worthy the attention of persons desiring to purchase an attractive country seat. Purchasers generally are cordially invited to visit it. Conveyances will be held at any hour at the Depot of the Harlem Railroad at Williams' Bridge. A person constantly on the premises to show them. Maps and all particulars to be obtained of the auctioneers, 3 Pine-st., New-York.

DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 2 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, MAY 26, 1868.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, a Scrip Dividend of

FORTY PER CENT.

was declared to the policy holders on the earned premiums of all policies entitled to participate in the profits of the business for the year ending May 1, 1868, for which certificates will be issued on the 15th inst., and bear Interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum was ordered to be paid in cash on the outstanding Certificates of Scrip for the years 1867 and 1867. A Semi-Annual Cash Dividend of Six (6) per cent. on the capital stock was also declared payable to the stockholders on demand.

E. W. BLEECKER, Secretary.

ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL.—DIVIDEND.—The Board of Trustees of the Illinois and Michigan Canal have, by a resolution, ordered a Dividend of Five Per Cent., to be paid on account of the principal of the Illinois and Michigan Canal Registered Bonds. The payment of the Dividend will be made at the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, in his office, No. 44 Fulton-st., in the City of New-York, on and after the first day of July, 1868. The Bonds must be presented to the Treasurer, that they bearing the time of payment, in order that said payment may be stamped thereon.

WM. H. SWIFT, } Trustees.
HENRY GRINNELL, } I. & M. Canal.

June 5, 1868.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL CO., NEW-YORK, MAY 26, 1868.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, out of the earnings of the Company, payable on and after the 20th day of June next, at the office of the Company, No. 20 William-st., corner of Exchange-place.

The Transfer Books will be closed on the 1st day of June, and remain closed until the morning of the 16th.

By order of the Board,

ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

THE NEW-YORK PRODUCE EXCHANGE COMPANY having declared a dividend of Seven Per Cent. on its capital stock, will pay the same to the stockholders, at their office, No. 7 Produce Exchange, from 4 to 5 o'clock, daily, until the 10th inst.

W. D. RANGAM, Treasurer.

COAL, &c.

COAL.

M. A. QUINTARD,

No. 11 Pine-st.,

Has always on hand at his dock, Jersey City, Cumberland, Lehigh, Locust Mountain and Schuylkill coals for steamboats and for shipping. Steamers can be coaled at any hour, day or night. Ships drawing 20 feet water coaled at the pier.

M. A. D. SMITH,

Agent at Jersey City.

FINANCIAL.

$361,000 United States Five-Twenties.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED for subscriptions on account of the United States Six per Cent. Bonds, commonly called Five-Twenties, until the 20th day of June next, inclusive, after which day the right to convert United States legal tender notes into them ceases by act of Congress.

Superintendent of the Office receives a Government Certificate entitling them to Bonds bearing interest in gold from the date of deposit.

JOHN J. CISCO,

Assistant Treasurer United States.

LAKE ERIE AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND BONDS.

The Lake Erie and Pacific Railroad Company, in the State of Indiana, now offer for sale their entire issue of $500,000 First, and only, Mortgage Bonds, bearing seven per cent. interest, payable semi-annually in the City of New-York.

These bonds are secured by a DEED OF TRUST, constituting the FIRST and ONLY lien upon the entire Road, its franchises, appurtenances, rolling stock, &c.

It extends along the White Water Valley, from Rushville to Union, a distance of about sixty miles, and passes through the richest, best cultivated and most densely populated portion of the State of Indiana.

The road is the CENTRAL SECTION of the otherwise completed TRUNK LINE, connecting the great Southwest at LOUISVILLE, Ky., on the Ohio River, and at an early day with TOLEDO and SANDUSKY, on Lake Erie.

The Company is wholly without debt (except its bonded debt) and being strong in its local traffic, and connecting with roads that must necessarily largely increase the volume of its revenues, the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, with great confidence, invite the attention of capitalists to these securities, believing that they offer an opportunity for a first-class railroad investment, than which, in their judgment, there is no better to be had.

The published exhibits of the Company, together with a map showing the locality and advantages of the Road, can be had from either of the Trustees of the Deed of Trust, in this City, named below, and from either of whom the bonds are only to be had.

TRUSTEES:

GEORGE A. ROBBINS,

No. 54 William-st.

JORGE T. M. DAVIS,

No. 47 Exchange-place.

NEW-YORK, MAY 18, 1868.

INSURANCE STOCKS.

Special attention given to the purchase and sale of Insurance and Bank Stocks, &c., at private sale.

D. M. SEAMAN, Auctioneer,

(Late with Adrian H. Muller.) No. 34 Pine-st.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD COMPANY, CLEVELAND, May 27, 1868.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company in Cleveland, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of June next, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may come before them.

At which meeting an arrangement for the consolidation of the earnings of this Company with the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad Company; the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad Company; the Buffalo and State Line, and the Erie and Northeast Railroad Company, will be submitted for the consideration and approval of the stockholders, in a resolution for the term of twenty-five years, and gives this Company 218 per cent of the earnings of the four roads. The transfer books of the Company will close on WEDNESDAY, June 10, at 4 o'clock P. M., and close until THURSDAY MORNING, June 18, at 10 o'clock A. M.

H. C. LUCE, Treasurer.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD COMPANY.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 26, 1868.

A Special Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of June, 1868, at 11 o'clock A. M., to consider and vote upon a contract between this Company, the Cleveland and Toledo, the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula, and the Buffalo and State Line Railroad Companies, and to act upon such other business as may properly come before them.

The transfer books will be closed on the evening of May 30, and reopen on the 11th of June.

By order of the Board of Directors,

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

CLINTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, June 2, 1868.

AT AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Company, held this day, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year:

HUGH LAING, J. R. RANSOM,
EFFINGHAM TOWNSEND, GEO. A. TOWNSEND,
CHAS. S. SWORDS, DON ALONZO CUSHMAN,
JOHN PENFOLD, W. J. SWINDELL,
D. HENRY HAIGHT, SYLVE. L. H. WARD,
JOSEPH LAWRENCE, ALVE. F. LAING,
LEONARDO S. SUAREZ, ROBT. M. BRUCE,
MILAN BRONSON, JOHN SCOTT BOYD,
A. R. ENO, A. YZUAGA DEL VALLE,
JOHN WATSON, LAWRENCE TEVERICH,
SAM'L WILLETS, JOHN W. VERICH,
S. T. NICOLL, JACOB VAN WAGENEN,
GEO. GRISWOLD, Jr., JOHN R. WILLIS,
MILAS S. HUNT, THOMAS SMULL.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, HUGH LAING, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President for the ensuing year.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL CO., NEW-YORK, MAY 1, 1868.

AT AN ELECTION FOR MANAGERS, held at this office on Tuesday, the 12th instant, pursuant to public notice, the following gentlemen were duly elected Managers of this Company for the ensuing year, viz.:

WM. S. HERRIMAN, ABIEL A. LOW,
CHAS. N. TALBOT, ROBERT L. KENNEDY,
EDWARD C. WOOLSEY, JAMES M. HALSTED,
S. S. SCYMOUR, GEORGE T. ELLIOTT,
ROBERT GLYPHANT, LEONARD W. KENNEDY,
EARL P. SCHIEFFELIN, JOHN J. ARSPINWALL,
JOHN L. CRANE,
JAMES H. TAYLOR.

And at a meeting of the Board of Managers, held this day, C. TALBOT OLYPHANT, Esq., was unanimously elected President. By order of the Board,

ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

THE LEATHER MANUFACTURERS' BANK.—New-York, June 1, 1868.

At an annual election, held at the banking-house on MONDAY, the 1st inst., the following named persons were duly elected Directors of this Bank for the term of four years, ending on the first Monday in June, 1867:

SIDNEY MAGOON, ALEX. MORRISON,
RICHARD P. BRUFF,

And for Inspectors of the next ensuing election:

RICHARD STOUT, JOHN A. LEE,
PAUL SPOFFORD,

GEO. A. ROBBINS, J. PALMER, Cashier.

THE CHICAGO AND MILWAUKEE RAILROAD CO., NEW-YORK, MAY 27, 1868.

THE STOCK BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY will be closed on the 8th day of June next, for one week, to perfect the arrangement for a consolidation with the Milwaukee and Chicago Railroad Company. Parties to whom named shares may stand on the day above mentioned will be entitled to vote on the Consolidated Company, and to the reserved property of this Company.

A. STONE, Jr., President.

A. S. DOWNS, Secretary.

SARATOGA AND WHITEHALL RAILROAD COMPANY.—The annual election for Directors of this Company, and Inspectors for the election next ensuing, will be held at the office of the Company, in Saratoga Springs, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of June next, at 12 o'clock at noon. The poll will be open from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

W. H. WARREN, Secretary.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, May 28, 1868.

BROADWAY BANK, MAY 22, 1868.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank, and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of June next. The poll will be open from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

STOCKS, BONDS, GOLD AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Bought and sold at Board of Brokers,

By A. S. HEMINWAY & CO.,

No. 32 Exchange-place.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR BRIDGEPORT.—DAILY LINE.—THE steamer BRIDGEPORT leaves Pier No. 35 East River, daily, at 12 o'clock noon. Freight taken all day. Arrives in Bridgeport in time to connect with the Naugatuck, New-Haven and Hartford Railroads. Also, the Shore Line to Saybrook and New-London.

MORNING LINE TO PEEKSKILL.—THE AURORA leaves daily at 7 for every morning, without exception, at 6 o'clock, touching at Hell-gate and all the intermediate landings.

EXCURSIONS.

EXCURSIONS.—TO CHARTER FOR EXCURSIONS on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays of each week, the fine steamer WM. CROWELL and the JAMES WINKLE, with saloons and state-rooms, with or without barges and stores. Apply to W. & E. MYERS & CO., on board barges, foot of Grand-st., East River.

EXCURSIONS TO CONEY ISLAND.—THE cars of the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company run every six minutes from Fulton and Catharine Ferries, Brooklyn, connecting at City Line with cars for Gravesend, Gravesend Bay's Head Bay and Coney Island. Fare 10 cents.

GEO. G. COLE, Supt.

GRAVESEND, May 20, 1868.

TO LET—FOR EXCURSIONS, OR REASONABLE terms, barges MAYFLOWER and CLEVELAND, also, Dudley's Grove, near Hoboken, and Newark Bay Grove, at Salterville. Apply to W. & E. MYERS & CO., on board barges, at Railroad between Vesey and Laight sts.

EXCURSIONS.—STEAMBOATS AND BARGES for excursions, on Sunday schools, societies, &c. Groves secured. Schooner Lady Emmet, J. H. WILSON, No. 128 Wall-st., corner of South, up stairs.

MYERS' AMAZONE TINCTURE

Is the only real remedy known throughout all Europe for the improvement and preservation of the human hair. A purely medical preparation, containing no oil nor grease. Sold by all principal druggists and dealers in fancy goods. Price, $1 per bottle. Prof. D. M. MYERS, Laboratory, No. 448 4th-st., New-York.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR MARINE MACHINERY.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, June 5, 1868.

Sealed proposals will be received at this Department up to the 16th of June, for STEAM MACHINERY of the following-named kind, viz.:

Two back-action engines, four cylinders, diameter of cylinders, 22 inches; stroke of piston, 4 feet; multiple of gearing, 5; diameter of driving-wheel, 10 feet; length of gearing, 11 feet; length over all, 27 feet 3 inches. To have one Sewell's surface condenser, with seamless brass tubes and an exposed condensing surface of 1,400 square feet. To have vertical water-tube boilers, with seamless brass tubes, containing 160 square feet of grate surface and 2,000 square feet of heating surface. To have a superheating apparatus. To have one brass screw of 16 feet diameter, with 4 blades, and a length of 27 inches. To have a brass and copper rudder, rudder-post and shoe, and to be provided with two steam pumps. The drawings of these engines can be examined at the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

Two back-action engines for the United States frigate Franklin, at the Kittery Navy-yard; diameter of cylinders, 60 inches; stroke of piston, 3 feet; length of gearing, 8 feet. To have one Sewell's surface condenser, with seamless brass tubes, and an exposed condensing surface of 2,000 square feet. To have vertical water-tube boilers, with seamless brass tubes, containing 160 square feet of grate surface and 2,000 square feet of heating surface. To have a superheating apparatus. To have one brass screw of 16 feet diameter, with 4 blades, and a length of 27 inches. To have a brass and copper rudder, rudder-post and shoe, and to be provided with two steam pumps. The drawings of these engines can be examined at the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

Back-action engines, two cylinders, diameter of cylinders 60 inches, stroke of piston 3 feet. To have one Sewell's surface condenser with seamless brass tubes, and an exposed condensing surface of 2,400 square feet. To have vertical water-tube boilers with seamless brass tubes, containing 160 square feet of grate surface and 2,000 square feet of heating surface. To have a superheating apparatus. To have one brass screw of 16 feet diameter, with four blades and a length of 22 inches. To have a brass and copper rudder, rudder-post and shoe, and to be provided with four blowing engines and four steam pumps. The design of these engines to be similar to that of the above, 60 inches diameter of cylinder and 3 feet 9 inches stroke of piston.

Back-action screw engines for gunboats, with two cylinders, each of 30 inches diameter, and a stroke of piston of 21 inches. Each pair to have one Sewell's surface condenser, with seamless brass tubes, and an exposed condensing surface of 1,200 square feet. To have vertical water-tube boilers, with seamless brass tubes, containing 160 square feet of grate surface and 1,700 square feet of heating surface. To have a superheating apparatus. To have one brass screw of 11 feet diameter, with four blades, and a length of 18 inches. To have a brass and copper rudder, rudder-post and shoe, and to be provided with one steam pump. The drawings of these engines can be examined at the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

Inclined paddle-wheel engines for double-ended gunboats, with one cylinder of 60 inches diameter of cylinder, and 7 feet 3 inches stroke of piston. To have one Sewell's condenser, with seamless brass tubes, and an exposed condensing surface of 2,500 square feet. To have vertical water-tube boilers, with seamless brass tubes containing 160 square feet of grate surface and 2,000 square feet of heating surface. To have overhung iron paddle-wheels of 28 feet 8 inches diameter, and 9 feet length of paddle. To have two blowing engines, and one steam pump. The general plan and specification of this engine can be examined at the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

The material, workmanship and finish of all the screw engines to be in accordance with the specifications for the seven machinery of the sloops of the Juniata class, copies of which are in possession of all the principal marine steam engine building establishments in the United States.

All the provisions contained in the contracts for that machinery to apply to the contracts which may be made under this advertisement. The same number of duplicate pieces; and the same quantity of tools, instruments, outfits, etc., proportionally, to be supplied, that is called for in those specifications.

The proposals to be indorsed "Proposals for Steam Machinery," to distinguish them from other business letters.

Parties are requested to offer for any one of the above engines or for as many as they may consider themselves able to execute.

The contract will embrace the usual conditions, and payments will be made in the usual manner as the work progresses.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals that may be made under this advertisement if, in its opinion, the public interest requires.

The proposal will state the name of the firm or firms in which the parties intend to furnish the machinery; the number of engines they propose to build; the names of the parties in full, and of their sureties; the gross sum for which they propose to furnish the machinery, erected in the vessel, complete and ready for steaming; and the time from date of contract in which they will guarantee to complete the work.

The proposals of parties will also be considered who may choose to offer for machinery of equal power on plans and specifications of their own in place of those above described.

PROPOSALS FOR HAY, STRAW AND GRAIN.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, FORAGE DEPARTMENT, corner of 9 and 22d-sts., WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18, 1868.

Written proposals are invited for furnishing HAY, STRAW, OATS and CORN for the use of this depot, to be delivered at the railroad depot, or at any of the Government wharves in this city.

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The grain to be put up in good sacks, of about two (2) bushels each, which are to be furnished at the cost of the contractor.

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Captain and A. Q. M. U. S. A.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON CITY, March 18, 1868.

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THOMAS STEPHENS,

ROBT. L. DARRAGH,

A. W. CRAVEN,

Croton Aqueduct Board.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF AQUEDUCT BOARD, MAY 26, 1868.

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Has few equals, and never fails to elicit the heartiest applause of his audience. It is confessed that their entertainment is of the highest order.

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THE CANAL CONVENTION.

First Day's Proceedings.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

CHICAGO, Tuesday, June 2, 1863.

Delegates to the great Canal Convention began to arrive quite freely on Saturday. Yesterday a large number came in, and this morning brought still further additions. The number in attendance is not as large as was anticipated, and I should judge that the great body is composed of special delegates—many of whom have special cases to grind of their own. The impression got abroad pretty extensively that it was to be a delegated, or *limited* Convention, and I presume the volunteer attendance is less on that account than it would otherwise have been. But still the number is formidable, and will be found sufficiently large for all practicable purposes. At all events, there will be as much talent in the Convention, probably, as in any other body that has assembled for similar purposes. It will number among its members many distinguished names, which will give strength to its deliberations and weight to its conclusions.

The Convention assembled this morning, in the huge tent which has been pitched in a beautiful location on the lake shore. The tent will seat six thousand. Judging from this, there was something like four thousand in attendance.

HON. CHAUNCY R. FULLER, Mayor of St. Louis, was appointed temporary Chairman by acclamation, and on taking the Chair, returned his acknowledgments. He had been sent here to represent his city and his State, and he could not better express the sentiments and feelings of those he represented than by reading the resolutions adopted by the Common Council of St. Louis. These resolutions strongly approve, and pledge an enthusiastic support to the great project before the Convention.

Secretaries *pro tem.* were appointed, and an opening prayer offered by Bishop SIMPSON, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. DANIEL BRAINARD, having been appointed for that purpose by the General Committee, welcomed those in attendance upon the Convention, in an appropriate speech.

He said he appeared before the Convention in behalf of the Board of Trade, the Mercantile Association, and the people of Chicago, to welcome delegates to the city and the Convention. Our city has no hallowed and revered associations to call up reminiscences of great men and great events; but it is at least an example of what well-directed industry can do. It fills our hearts with gratitude to see you here. This occasion is one of no ordinary character. You have not come here at the call of a city threatened with hostile armaments, nor at the call of a people suffering with hunger; but it is the call of a people oppressed with the fullness of their own resources, and distressed for the want of means and facilities to send them forth to the world. A strong effort was made in the last Congress to effect a remedy, but we were doomed to disappointment; and therefore we have turned to you, the people, the power, for redress. Need I recount any history of this region of the West—Chicago? Illinois and her sister States are of yesterday. Their fruitful soil and boundless extent are familiar to your minds. Neither need I speak of the history of the sons of the West. Their names are enrolled on the roll of honor of every battle-field, and every Southern breeze comes laden with the story of their valor, and the nation reposes in them with a trustwill never be disappointed. The prosperity of the Great West dates from the opening of the Erie Canal, 30 years ago. Our greatness, our prosperity, our commercial advantages point irresistibly to the one homeredmine of Dr WITT CLINTON. In our citizens we appeal to you to aid us in opening a channel which shall enable us to carry off our surplus supplies. In regard to one portion of the great channel—the Illinois and Mississippi Canal—we shall offer you careful surveys, to which we invite the scrutiny of engineers.

Hon. CHARLES B. SEDWICK, of New-York, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of two from each State, and one from each Territory represented, and also one from the District of Columbia, be appointed by the respective delegations to report to this body the permanent officers of the Convention.

The resolution was adopted, and, on motion of Hon. O. W. KELLOGG, of New-York, the Convention took a recess of half an hour to enable the delegations to carry out the spirit of the resolution.

Before reassembling the following gentlemen were appointed the Committee on Permanent Organization, under Mr. SEDWICK's resolution:

Michigan—E. G. Merrick, J. E. Crippen.
Missouri—W. Crew, T. D. Drake.
New-York—John A. King, C. S. Hazard.
Kansas—A. H. Sawyer, L. Robinson.
Indiana—G. W. Julian, W. W. Higgins.
Illinois—J. N. Arnold, O. C. Skinner.
Ohio—R. P. Spaulding, F. Bissell.
Wisconsin—H. S. Palmer, M. M. Davis.
Iowa—W. Gilchrist, D. W. Kilbourn.
Vermont—D. E. Platt, S. Tolitt.
New-Hampshire—T. W. Edwards.
New-Jersey—J. B. Sayer, J. C. Jackson.
Rhode Island—C. Tilmany, R. F. Arnold.
Massachusetts—D. L. Harris, J. G. Converse.
Maine—Israel Washburn, T. C. Hersey.
Connecticut—John Elton, T. Porter.
District Columbia—W. H. Lemon.
Minnesota—J. Z. Treat, R. A. Mott.

The Convention then took a recess until 3 o'clock, when the Committee on Officers is to report. There are several gentlemen whose *friends* are pressing them for the post of President.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CHICAGO, Tuesday, June 2.

There was a larger attendance this afternoon than in the morning. Probably five thousand were present, the ladies being well represented.

An attempt was made to confine the composition of the Convention to the special delegations, but it was not successful.

Mr. KING, from the Committee on Permanent Organization, presented the following list of officers to the Convention:

For President—Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN.
Vice-President at Large—Gen. HIRAM WALBRIDGE.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

J. Jewett, Maine.	G. W. Julian, Indiana.
J. M. Edwards, N. H.	J. W. Singleton, Illinois.
Lewis Follett, Vermont.	A. E. Bissell, Michigan.
Lorenzo Sabine, Mass.	Levi Blossom, Wisconsin.
R. J. Arnold, Rhode Island.	J. M. Taylor, Minnesota.
Calvin Ong, Connecticut.	Ebenezer Cook, Iowa.
Erastus Corning, New-York.	Gen. Patridge, Missouri.
Marcus L. Ward, N. J.	Marcus J. Parrott, Kansas.
M. D. Scott, Ohio.	Dr. Peter Barker, D. C.

SECRETARIES.

For Secretary at Large—Col. J. W. Fourse, of Illinois.	
J. H. Farley, Maine.	E. E. Drapier, Indiana.
W. E. Chandler, N. H.	Chas. H. Lamphier, Illinois.
L. S. Platt, Vermont.	Benj. Follett, Michigan.
D. L. Harris, Massachusetts.	Marshall M. Strong, Wis.
C. C. Gilfoy, R. Island.	Wm. Mitchell, Minnesota.
F. S. Gould, Connecticut.	J. W. Van Orman, Iowa.
S. M. Chamberlain, N. Y.	Wm. S. Moody, Missouri.
J. M. Price, New-Jersey.	D. W. Wilder, Kansas.
John E. Cary, Ohio.	F. A. Stringer, Dist. of Col.

It will be noted that this is decidedly a strong representation.

Hon. R. T. BLOW, of St. Louis, and Gen. BURNS, were appointed to conduct the President to the chair. The duty having been accomplished, Mr. HAMLIN addressed the convention, as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: Render to you my cordial thanks for this expression of your confidence and good will, in selecting me to preside over your deliberations. Differing as your country and your colporation, I assume that you have met, gentlemen, at a period of time remarkable in the history of our country. Obedient to the call of circumstances occurring in different sections of the country, you have come together in this marvel of a city, that rises like a vision from the waters of this lake, to deliberate on questions that are important only in the existence of the Government, under which you live. And there is one fact that challenges a remark. At a time when war, with its red wave, is delaying our commerce, and when hostile fleets and armies have gone forth, to defend the integrity of the common country, and to perpetuate the national existence, this vast concourse of people has assembled, representing all the varied interests of the broad land. That fact speaks a language more significant than any that I can utter. It manifests that we are here to prepare for the possibilities of the future. But a few years since, the people of this richly endowed portion of the country were numbered almost with the Indian, and its commercial statistics found no place in commercial records. And what do we find to-day? Why, gentlemen, you count your commerce by the half thousand millions, and your population by tens of thousands. The capacity of this commerce of whom the Empire State may well be proud, and to whom every American citizen has also his pride, did effect the opening up of the then little commerce of the lakes—small, as compared with its present—and you have come to-day to imitate his example, and to initiate if possible, those works that are commensurate with the demands of to-day. [Applause.] Let me tell you, gentlemen of the centre, that you have no deeper interest in the matter, and have no greater stimulant to act on, than we from the far East have. We have met at a time when we have learned, by variety of ways, what are military necessities. You, as wise men, have come here to-day to prepare for the military necessities of the future, if any such shall arise. A population on these inland seas, and along your mighty rivers, live with no guns to protect their homes and their property. Is there not a necessity—nay, have you not a right to send up that demand in the General Government that must be answered? You know and I know, that by our treaty stipulations we are not allowed to maintain any armament on our Western waters. You know and I know, that there are channels of communication Northward, by which armed and military armaments may be sent into the Northern lakes by Great Britain, while we have no counterveiling facilities. And it seems to me that he who looks as a statesman, or he who loves his country, can hardly fail to come up to the necessities of the occasion, and to say that he will have those facilities which military necessities in the future may require. More than that, when added to a military necessity, which leaves no doubt as to the wisdom of what you propose, the commercial means now chaos in your commerce, and facilitate the transportation of your vast commerce to market; then the subject which has brought you together is worthy of your wisest consideration. But when you add the two together—military necessity and commercial facilities—who is there in all this broad land, who will say, with the light that we have before us, that you should not keep done, that our Government will not, of its own motion, and of its exercise of its sovereignty, give a helping hand to open up the vast resources of this great country?

Gentlemen, I invite your attention to the deliberation of the questions that are laid before you. I trust, as I know, that you will bring earnestness and candor to those deliberations—that you will rise above all local interest, and concentrate the energies of the occasion. Do that, and this day will be a marked point, and this starting hour, in a long and great and glorious career of the destiny West. It will give an impetus to commerce, and it will place in your hands, if it be in your power, in peace, in Union and liberty forever.

A good deal of rambling and inconsequent discussion took place upon unimportant matters.

Mr. KING, of New-York, presented the following rules from the Committee on Organization:

1. The States, Territories and the District of Columbia shall be called in alphabetical order, through one of their number, shall report a written list of the delegates in attendance, with their respective residences, as far as practicable.

2. Each delegation will appoint one of their number to respond to the Chair on calling the vote of its State, Territory or District.

3. A vote by States may be called for by any three delegates, and in such cases each State shall give the same number of votes it is entitled to in the Electoral College in the election of a President, and each Territory and the District of Columbia shall be entitled to one vote.

4. A committee of one from each State shall be appointed by the respective delegations, to prepare and report such resolutions as they may recommend for adoption by this Convention, and all propositions and resolutions presented to this Convention shall, before being acted upon, be referred to said Committee.

5. The Convention shall be governed in its proceedings by the rules of the House of Representatives of Congress, so far as the same may be applicable.

There was some discussion in relation to the manner in which the voting upon questions should be done—whether by the entire delegation of a State, or individually. Several motions were made, but finally the report of Mr. KING was adopted.

Then followed another debate upon the appointment of a Committee on resolutions, when the subject was postponed until morning, in order to allow the several delegations to select their representation on the Committee.

On the call of Mr. TAYLOR, of Minnesota, the original call for the Convention was read.

Several resolutions of no public importance were offered and variously disposed of.

Mr. SPAULDING, of Ohio, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the subject of a Ship-canal around the Falls of Niagara is one which prominently demands the attention of this Convention.

Mr. B. moved that this resolution, after being read, be laid upon the table until after the Committee on Resolutions be appointed.

The Chair, after reading the rule reported on the subject, stated that in his opinion the only question that could be taken under that rule, was to receive resolutions, lay them on the table, and when the Committee should have been announced, refer them without debate to it.

Mr. SPAULDING would not, at this stage of the proceedings, take exception to the ruling of the Chair; but he wished to say that he should not hereafter be precluded from taking exception, if the construction were to be put upon the rule; for, in the committee that formed it, it was distinctly admitted that debate might be had upon resolutions, although no action should be taken on them until they were submitted to the Committee.

The resolution was laid on the table to be referred to the Committee.

Mr. TAYLOR, of Minnesota, offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Business:

Resolved, That the construction of a Northern, a Central, and a Southern Railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, is properly a subject of a National cognizance; but the enlargement of canals within the limits of States, between the Mississippi River and the Atlantic Ocean, is properly a subject of State cognizance alone.

This resolution created a little feeling, and was received with hisses and cheers. It is the first thing introduced looking toward opposition to the objects of the Convention.

The Toledo delegation have a project which they propose to offer—that of enlarging the old defunct Wabash Canal from Toledo to Lafayette, and the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio, so as to open a ship canal route in that direction. It is merely a project to defeat the Illinois and Michigan Canal enlargement.

The Convention resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to hear "remarks from distinguished gentlemen" upon general subjects.

Gen. WALBRIDGE, of your city, was first introduced, and made a patriotic and practical speech.

He was followed by Hon. J. A. DRAKE, of St. Louis, whose remarks roused the audience to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. He spoke, too, ably upon the projects which the Convention met to consider.

The business of the day has been preliminary and *elocutionary*, there being a large number, as in all such bodies, who have an especial desire to air themselves.

Second Day's Proceedings.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, June 3.

The first part of the session this morning was consumed in important business.

Mr. RUSSELL, from the Committee on Resolutions, reported back the resolution of Mr. PRESTON, of the District of Columbia, restricting the action of the Convention to the objects mentioned in the call, with a recommendation that it be adopted.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN, of Oswego, wished to know if this resolution excluded the consideration of the Niagara Ship-Canal project. If so, he should oppose its adoption.

Mr. RUSSELL replied that it did not, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. TAYLOR, of Minnesota, called up his resolution, offered yesterday, in favor of a Northern, Central and Pacific Railroad from the Mississippi to the Pacific.

Mr. WALBRIDGE, of Illinois, moved to table the resolution. Upon this motion and his resolution, Mr. TAYLOR made a long and able speech in favor of the Pacific Railroad—a much better one than we heard at the Railroad Convention last Fall, and much more appropriate to that occasion than the present one. Mr. WALBRIDGE replied at some length, when his motion to lay upon the table prevailed.

A delegation from Kentucky was announced, which was received with considerable applause. Hon. HENRY A. DAVIS, of Massachusetts, was also announced, as having just arrived.

The Committee on Resolutions reported a resolution, appealing to Congress to take action in favor of the construction of a ship canal around Niagara Falls.

The ball being thus opened, a discussion ensued, and quite a number of speeches were made, pro and con. Hon. RUFUS SPAULDING, of Ohio, spoke earnestly in favor of the measure, and asked the Convention to unite the two measures and to act harmoniously upon them.

It also opened the flood-gates for amendments to rush in. Mr. KELLOGG, of Iowa, submitted a resolution calling the attention of Congress to the improvement of the Des Moines Rapids. He and two or three of his colleagues made speeches thereon.

Judge HUBBELL, of Milwaukee, who, with the rest of the delegation, was sent here to oppose the objects of the Convention, moved to tack on the Fox River improvement—the enterprise in which Gov. SWRNOS and Mr. COMSTOCK, and others, of New-York, are so largely interested. Judge HUBBELL proceeded to make a speech against a ship canal between the lakes and the Mississippi, as not serviceable for military purposes, &c.

Mr. BLOSSOM, also from Milwaukee, proposed the St. Clair Flats as another amendment.

Upon these several speeches were made. Among the speakers was the somewhat celebrated Col. JENNISON, of Kansas. As he rose, and on his name being announced, he was greeted with general and enthusiastic cheers. He spoke principally in regard to Judge HUBBELL—both of whom brought the war and the rebellion into the discussion. On motion of Mr. KELLOGG of Illinois, the original resolution, and all the amendments, were recommitted.

Some Congressional proceedings have took place, that is, foolish, trivial motions and speeches.

Hon. J. N. ARNOLD, of Chicago, presented several *resolutions in favor of a ship canal in this State*, and setting forth its advantages, both in a military and commercial point of view. These were also referred to the Committee on Resolutions, when the Convention adjourned, having accomplished but very little.

It is probable that the Convention will adjourn finally, at the close of the afternoon session.

THE FINAL ADJOURNMENT.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, June 3.

As was expected, the Convention adjourned *sine die*, at the close of the afternoon session. So far as regards the great objects for which it was called, I regard it as a substantial failure. Instead of forwarding the making of a ship canal between the Lakes and the Mississippi, and the enlargement of the Erie and Oswego Canals to gunboat capacity by the General Government, I predict that it has given a positive to the whole project, and that it does not stand a ghost of a chance for success until the next Congress.

The Convention hatched out quite a brood of "improvements," which it recommended to Congress. Let me enumerate:

The enlargement of the Illinois and Michigan Canal.
The enlargement of the Erie and Oswego Canals.
The Ship Canal around Niagara Falls.
The Des Moines Rapids.
The Fox and Wisconsin River improvement.
The St. Clair Flats.
The Toledo and Wabash Canal.

The proceedings of the Convention this afternoon, with a few exceptions, possess little public importance.

A very full and timely report from the Auditor of the Canal Board of New-York was presented to the Convention. This paper will be of use in creating a better feeling in the West toward your authorities, as it shows the immense sums paid by the Empire State in the construction and enlargement of her canals.

Mr. BOWEN, from the "Business Committee," reported the following resolution:

The representatives of the loyal States assembled in National Convention at Chicago, desirous of connecting a closer union of perpetuating our nationality forever, of providing for the common defense and promoting the commerce of our whole country, adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we regard the enlargement of Canals between the Mississippi River and the Atlantic with Canals only connecting the Lakes, as of great Military and Commercial importance; we believe such enlargement with dimensions sufficient to pass gunboats from the Mississippi to Lake Michigan, and from the Atlantic to and from the great lakes, will furnish the cheapest and most expeditious means of protecting the northern frontier, and at the same time will promote the rapid development and permanent union of our whole country.

Resolved, That these works are demanded either by military prudence, political wisdom, and the necessities of commerce; such works will be not only national, but confederal, and their early accomplishment is required by every principle of sound political economy.

Resolved, That such national highway between the Mississippi and the Lakes, as far as practicable, should be free, without tolls or restrictions, and we should deprecate the placing this great national thoroughfare in the hands of any private corporation or State. The work should be commenced at the earliest practicable moment, as the cost is reimbursed to the National Treasury, should be as free as the Lakes to the commerce of the world.

After considerable discussion they were so amended as to include all the "highways" between the lakes and the Mississippi, and in this form adopted, thus in effect incorporating all the different projects before the Convention.

A resolution was adopted for the appointment of a Committee of one from each State to prepare a memorial to the President and Congress, setting forth the views of the Convention—to open correspondence, and call future Conventions, should it be deemed desirable.

Mr. KASSON, of Illinois, from the Committee, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the survey of the Illinois and Des Moines rivers, executed under the authority of Messrs. GOODRICH & FRESTON, be referred to a special committee of five to be appointed by the chair, and to be composed of engineers or civil engineers, who are requested to report as to the practicability of the work, and the correctness of the estimates.

This called out a long, rambling debate, and a multiplicity of amendments, and called out so much local and sectional feeling that it was finally withdrawn.

Hon. S. B. RUGGLES, of New-York, offered the following:

Resolved, That this Convention is of opinion that the increased stimulus to be given to agriculture and consequent cheapening of transportation of Western products by the proposed enlarged canals, will so far increase the foreign commerce of the country, that the import duties on the return cargoes will very far exceed the interest on the cost of the proposed works, and provide a fund for its rapid reimbursement.

Upon this he based one of his characteristic speeches—full and running over with valuable statistics, and accompanied with as much humor as could be well introduced into so dry a subject. At the conclusion of his remarks the resolution was unanimously adopted.

In the above, you have the sum and substance of the doings of this great Convention. I suppose I may say that Chicago is disappointed in the results arrived at, as not coming up to public expectations. There was much good talking done—many patriotic sentiments uttered; and also much done and said that is not worth stating.

After passing a resolution of thanks to Chicago for its hospitality, and for the ample arrangements made for the accommodation of the Convention,

Mr. DRAKE, of Missouri, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the President for the able, courteous and dignified manner in which he has discharged the duties of the Chair.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman, in responding to the resolution, said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: For this kind expression which you have seen fit to tender me, I beg you will accept my undissembled and cordial thanks. In after times, whatever may be in life, it will be to me a pleasant reminiscence, that I had the honor of meeting so large and so intelligent a Convention, representing the commercial and commercial interests of the country, as has here assembled. I shall carry it with me as a prime recollection in after life. I beg you to believe that in whatever position I may be placed, however humble may be my note, they will always be devoted to promoting the material prosperity and welfare of the country, in its material interests. You may leave New-England out in the cold if you please, but she has a warm and generous heart which will look response to the vast and majestic West. Nay, you may never, if you will, all her water communications, and still she will cling to the Union. Indeed, when I am here in your midst, I am absolutely puzzled to know how New-England is to be separated from the West. The only complaint I have to make against so many of your good citizens here is, that they have deserted New-England to come to you. You are bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh. All that interests you interests us, and all your interests are our interests.

Gentlemen, allow me to hope that you will have a pleasant return to your homes and families, and be as much delighted in your return as you were in your coming.

The Convention received itself into the Chamber of the Whole.

The first speaker was Gov. WALBRIDGE, of Maine. His speech was brief and to the point, and was well received.

Gen. JOHN COCHRANE, of New-York, followed. His appearance was greeted with enthusiastic applause, as he was introduced by the President. He spoke in eloquent and patriotic strains, and was repeatedly interrupted with cheers.

Gen. WALBRIDGE, also of New-York, offered the following resolutions, which were enthusiastically adopted:

Resolved, That the union and strength of this great American Constitutional Government are dearer to us, by the homogeneity of our people, their love of liberty, their early revolutionary history, and we conscientiously believe the immutable law of God, as expressed in Nature, and the territory assigned to the American people on this continent but recently acquired.

Resolved, That the territorial limits of the United States, as they existed when this infamous rebellion began, and the Constitution which guarantees their existence, should forever remain one—entire, united and indivisible.

Resolved, That, as the blood of our slaughtered citizen soldiers, fallen in defence of constitutional liberty, cries to Heaven for redress, we declare that to suppress this rebellion and save the National life, the Government should at all times, and in every emergency, be clothed by the people themselves to make the war effective, conclusive, and of short duration.

Resolved, That their integrity by public servants in the discharge of official duty is the only guarantee for good, economical, and efficient administration of the authority, and the Government is exercised, as it hanging upon a gibbet, higher than Haman hung, every official, in any department of our public service, who attempts at this time of the Republic, either by defrauding the public treasury, employing his public position to advance private pecuniary objects, or who shall be found guilty of imposing upon our brave soldiers any base article, either in the food or raiment provided for them by the Government.

Resolved, That our commercial marine, now largely in advance of any other nation, should so be organized as to aid in its own defense, and that it be the duty of Congress to provide for this by incorporating a portion of the same into a "Militia of the Sea," and thus inaugurate a new element of national strength and defense, commensurate with our growing importance as a great leading maritime power.

Resolved, That steadily pursuing the wise policy of our fathers, we never mean to interfere in the internal conflicts of foreign states. But here, beneath the unstretched sky, in the presence of Almighty God, and of one another, we pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor, never to abandon this struggle while there remains a traitor in the land, and that armed intervention, by any foreign power, against this Republic, shall prove the signal for the spirit of liberty to commence its triumphant march through Europe.

The chair announced the following Executive Committee:

Hon. J. N. Arnold, Illinois.	T. J. Homer, Missouri.
Hon. B. L. Ossoy, Kentucky.	J. S. Chamberlain, Ohio.
Hon. H. L. Dawes, Mass.	John T. Hillyer, Iowa.
Hon. T. M. Edwards, N. H.	E. Nye, New-Jersey.
D. C. Hersey, Maine.	J. J. Lewis, Wisconsin.
Hon. J. L. Merrill, Vt.	A. M. Low, New-York.
E. Stewart, Michigan.	R. D. Anthony, Kansas.
C. S. Day, Connecticut.	E. Bisnidy, Minnesota.
R. J. Arnold, Rhode Island.	

It appears that Pennsylvania was not represented.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

LETTER FROM ATTORNEY-GENERAL BATES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, May 27.

MY DEAR SIR: Until two days ago I had confidently hoped to be with you at the Canal Convention, to be held at Chicago on the 2d of June. But I am disappointed. And it is a real disappointment to me, for I am not only deprived of the pleasure and instruction anticipated at the Convention, but I am baulked, also, in my intended visit to my own city, St. Louis, which I have not seen for more than two years. It is my misfortune, and I am a great loser by it. But I cannot control the circumstances which compel me to make it my duty to remain for the present time.

I did feel an ambition to take some little part in the effort now in progress, to advance your great and beneficent object—to add in one drop to swell the current of your noble enterprise. I am identified with the Great Valley, by nearly fifty years of residence and labor in it; and I have some appreciation of its boundless capabilities, which need nothing to secure a success that will astonish the world, but the wise exertion of the good sense of the nation and the prudent application of its means.

Our Valley presents an anomaly in geographical science. It is the only instance that I know of, where two mighty rivers occupy one and the same valley—and that valley the largest, richest, most inviting to human labor on the face of the globe; for there is no mountain, no dividing ridge between the Mississippi and the St. Lawrence.

I am really sorry that I cannot be with you; for, (to confess my weakness,) I did wish to make a speech before your Convention upon some of the topics which must come under discussion there—topics somewhat familiar to me for nearly half a century, and always full of interest and hope.

I remain, Sir, with great respect,

Hon. J. N. ARNOLD. EDWD. BATES.

The Chicago Canal Convention.

THE NEW-YORK DELEGATION AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, June 6.

The New-York delegation to the Chicago Canal Convention were formally received by the State and City authorities, at the Court-house, this afternoon. HENRY T. BLOW delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by Gov. WALBRIDGE in behalf of the delegation. Addresses were also made by Gov. KING, S. B. RUGGLES, Gov. GARNIE, and others.

Gov. GARNIE, speaking in reference to the proposed canal, said Missouri recognized the importance of the movement, and desired to sacrifice everything for the Union—an institution that belongs to Missouri, and connects her with the South. He called on all to use their influence not thereby to open the canal, but to give the Union a new impression of the abiding loyalty of Missouri to the Union, and her determination to consecrate her all to it.

The visitors have been seeing the sights in the city, and on Monday will make an excursion to the Iron Mountain.

NEW-YORK YACHT CLUB.

Regatta for 1863.

The Annual Regatta of the New-York Yacht Club will come off on Thursday morning, the 11th of June, at half-past ten o'clock. There will be three prizes, valued at $150 each, which will be awarded to the first three yachts returning to the stake-boat abreast of the Club House, Hoboken. The yachts entering for this Regatta will be "handi-capped" by the Regatta Committee in a race open to all classes. The allowances of time to be taken at the starting, without reference to the wind at the time. The sailing courses are as follows: A flag-boat will be anchored abreast of the Club House, at Hoboken; on the east side of which the yachts will be anchored in two lines, head to the wind, commencing from the flag-boat with those of the greatest allowance of time. Yachts may have their maincails, or foresails and mainsails, according to their rig, hoisted, and gaff-topsails set; the Committee reserving the discretionary power, however, of adopting any other preparation for starting they may deem proper, should the weather or circumstances render a change necessary. The yachts will proceed to the north and west of a flag-boat stationed off Robin's Reef Light; thence easterly of a flag-boat stationed off Owl's Head, Long Island, passing it to the north and east; thence around the buoy of the Southwest Spit, passing it from the north and east. Returning, they will first pass the flag-boat anchored off Owl's Head, Long Island, passing it to the south and east; thence to the flag-boat off Robin's Reef Light, passing it to the south and west; thence to the flag-boat off Governor's Island, passing it to the south and east; thence to the flag-boat abreast of the Club House, at Hoboken, passing it, to the west end. In going and returning, all the buoys on the west bank—viz., Nos. 11, 13 and 15—are to be passed to the eastward.

The attention of members is called to the following rules: "A statement, containing the name of each yacht, and the name of the owner or owners, (all of whom must be members of the Club,) the rig, dimensions and tonnage, as computed by the measurer, in accordance with the laws of the United States, shall be filed with the Secretary before each yacht can be entered for a regatta. A true model of each yacht shall be deposited with the Secretary before she can enter for any regatta. Owners of yachts, proposing to enter for any regatta, shall give notice in writing to the measurer, specifying the time and place when and where the yachts may be measured, such time to be not less than twenty-four hours after the delivery of said notice, and during the ten days next preceding the limited time for entry; and such place some convenient part of the New-York Harbor. Upon said measurement, the measurer shall receive such reasonable aid as he may require from the crew of the yacht measured. No other than fore and aft sails shall be set on a yacht while contending for a prize. No member shall be interested in more than one yacht entered for any regatta. Yachts allowed to carry men as follows: Schooners, first-class, one to every four tons of her measurement. Second class, one to every three and a half tons. Sloops, first-class, one to every three tons. Second class, one to every three tons. Every yacht under fifty tons shall carry, during a regatta, a serviceable boat not less than ten feet in length; and yachts over fifty tons shall carry one not less than twelve feet in length." Entries will be received until Tuesday, June 9, at 10 M o'clock A. M., at the office of the Secretary of the Club, No. 5 Pine-street. Owners of yachts entered for the regatta are requested to have them at the anchorage, abreast of the club house, by 6 A. M. on the day of the regatta; and the Committee will receive no claim from competitors for a prize that is not at the anchorage by 8 A. M. All yachts will wear their owner's signal at their peak. The order of starting, in giving the allowance of time at the start, is in compliance with a resolution of the club at a late meeting.

The Rirkland Habeas Corpus Case.

The case of SYDNEY KIRKLAND, arrested as a rebel spy by the Provost-Marshal, was up again before Judge MCCUNN, yesterday, when Ex-Judge SULLY, as counsel for the prisoner, presented the following points:

The offense charged upon the prisoner must be cognizable by either a military or a civil tribunal, and not by one of a mixed jurisdiction or by two separate jurisdictions.

The only offense with which the prisoner can be charged, which a military court can take cognizance of, is the offence of being a spy.

If the prisoner is not a spy, he has committed no offence with which the military power can have anything to do.

The offence of being a spy is strictly defined by a recent act of Congress, which sets forth what alone shall constitute such an offence, and what shall be its punishment.

Under that act of Congress the prisoner is not a spy, and is neither to be held nor punished as one.

The prisoner's loyalty is unquestioned; his conduct in fleeing from the rebel conscription and putting his life and property in danger showed this.

Upon these points the prisoner's counsel made a lengthy argument, and was replied to by Mr. GLEASEY, counsel for the Provost-Marshal, who contended that the only questions arising in the case were:

1. Is RESERVE NUGENT authorized by the United States Government to represent it in its military powers in New-York?

2. Did SYDNEY KIRKLAND come from a State with which the United States are at war?

If an affirmative answer is given to these two questions, then the military authorities alone had jurisdiction in the case, and the fact whether KIRKLAND was a spy or not should be tried by them.

At the conclusion of the argument the Judge took the papers, and promised a decision on Monday.

Destitute Catholic Children.

A number of gentlemen of this City have formed a society called the "Society for the Protection of Destitute Roman Catholic Children in the City of New-York." The corporators are Messrs. Felix Ingoldsby, Charles A. Stetson, Eugene Kelly, Charles M. Connolly, Daniel Devlin, Andrew Carrigan, L. Shillman Ives, Edward C. Donnelly, Edward Frith, Henry J. Anderson, Joseph Fisher, Eugene Plunkett, John McMenomy, Donatian Hinsse, Lewis J. White, John Milhau, J. O'Brien, Bernard Amend, John E. Develin, Stephen J. Philbin, Florencio Escalante, John O'Connor, Henry L. Hoguet, James Lynch, Frederick E. Gilbert, Daniel O'Connor "and their successors." Three of these gentlemen have each subscribed $5,000, with a promise to pay $300 annually, and another, $2,500. A house for boys is already open under the charge of the Christian Brothers, and one for girls, under the management of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The office of the Society is at No. 25 Chambers-street, where contributions will be received, as also all desired information given and applications attended to by the President, Dr SULLIVAN IVES.

Bishop's Appointments.

The appointments of Bishop POTTER for the coming week are as follows:

June 7..1st Sunday after Trinity, A.M., Tarrytown. P. M., Beechwood.
June 9..Tuesday, A. M., Sandy Hill. Convocation Evening, Glen's Falls.
June 10..Wednesday, A. M., Saratoga Springs. 4 P. M., Ballston.
June 11..Thursday evening, Trinity Church, Albany.
June 12..Friday, A. M., Greenbush. Evening, Holy Innocents, Albany.

The Bishop held an ordination, on Trinity Sunday, in the Church of the Epiphany, in this City, when he admitted to the Diaconate Mr. ALEXANDER MCWHORTER, of New-Haven, and to the Priesthood Rev. HENRY L. JONES, who has recently accepted a call to Fitchburgh, Mass. The candidates were presented by the Rector, Rev. Lot Ivins, D. D., Morning Prayer and the Litany were said by Rev. J. A. PADDOCK, of St. Peter's, Brooklyn, assisted by Rev. R. H. BOGERS, connected with the mission work in our public institutions. The Bishop preached, and also held a confirmation, laying hands on thirty-seven persons—making a total of 1,120 presented by Rev. Dr. Jones during his ministry of thirty years. The Holy Communion was administered, the Bishop consecrating the elements. The church was full in every part.

Roman Catholic Calendar.

The following is the weekly Calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, for the week commencing to-day:

June 7..Sunday	Within the Octave of Corpus Christi. 1st Sunday after Pentecost. s. d. W.	
June 8..Monday	Of the Octave. s. d. W.	
June 9..Tuesday	Of the Octave. s. d. W.	
June 10..Wednesday	Of the Octave. s. d. W.	
June 11..Thursday	Octave of Corpus Christi. d. W.	
June 12..Friday	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. gr. d. W.	

Preaching for the Soldiers.

Rev. J. B. MERWIN, Chaplain in the United States Army, and Hon. Mr. PETTIBONE of Kansas, are expected to address the soldiers at the Military Asylum, No. 156 Broadway, this P. M. at 4 o'clock. The public are invited.

Course of Government Business.

Recorder HOFFMAN yesterday passed sentence upon the following persons, convicted at our last term of the Court:

Three Wilkens, for attempt at grand larceny—Penitentiary one year. James Murray and Edward F. Seymour, jointly convicted of attempt at grand larceny—State Prison two years and four months. Pierre Antoni, for assault and battery—Fine $1 and costs. Samuel Crosby, for forgery, in the fourth degree—City Prison thirty days. John Kane, for attempt at burglary—State Prison two years. Mary Ryan, for passing counterfeit money—State Prison two years. Esther Gerrit, for petit larceny—Penitentiary six months. Emma Smith, for grand larceny—State Prison two years. William Hamilton, alias Hampton, for grand larceny—State Prison four years. Harvey Vincent and William F. Butler, jointly convicted of attempt at grand larceny—State Prison two years each. Charles Gretlander, for petit larceny—Penitentiary six months. Charles Johnson, (colored,) for assault with dangerous weapon—Penitentiary six months.

Loyal Ladies' League.

The "Loyal Ladies' League of New-York" held a monthly meeting in the school room, No. 206 Ninth-avenue, on (Wednesday, at 4 P. M., Mrs. GERSON TOWNSEND acting as President, and Miss L. JONES as Secretary. This organization, having nearly one thousand signatures, pledged to unconditional loyalty to the Government, (while it aids disabled soldiers,) has been much retarded in its operations, in consequence of many persons mistaking it for the "Loyal Women's Convention," with which it has no connection. At their meeting on Wednesday, appropriate extracts from the publications of the "Loyal National League" were read, and short addresses made by some of the ladies, one of whom said "it is our bounden duty to become correctly informed in the political as in the religious and historical literature of our country. This knowledge we may obtain without deviating from the strictest delicacy, and we must not be deterred by the fear of having our reputation unjustly censured."

The Invalid Corps of Honor.

Although the recruiting rendezvous for this corps, at No. 65 Franklin-street, under the superintendence of Col. REEB NUGENT, A. A. F. M. General, has been opened since Monday, there have been nearly a hundred applicants. The duties will be chiefly in garrison and light marches, and the government, in establishing the corps, do so as a reward to those faithful soldiers who, from wounds or the hardships of war, have become disabled. Those only are accepted, and they are required to produce recommendations from their old commanders. Surgeon POWERS, U. S. A., has examined a great number of applicants. The corps will be divided into three battalions, those who have lost an arm or leg being assigned to the second or third battalion. Capt. CROSBY, late of the Twelfth N. Y. Vols., First Lieut. Jas. W. POWERS, Jr., late Aide-de-camp, (both wounded in the service,) have charge of the rendezvous. Officers and men can obtain further information from them.

Veterinary Convention.

There will be a meeting of veterinary surgeons held at the Astor House on the 9th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., to take into consideration the propriety of forming a National Veterinary Association. A large number of veterinary surgeons from Ohio, Kentucky, Delaware, Pennsylvania, &c., have notified their intention of being present.

The National Young Men's Christian Association.

CHICAGO, Saturday, June 6.

A large and interesting meeting was held tonight at Bryan